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BRITISH TEENAGER RADUCANU SCRIPTS HISTORY AT US OPEN

The 18-year-old beat Leylah Fernandez to become the first qualifier ever (male or female) to win a Grand Slam

RADUCANU DIDN'T DROP A SINGLE SET

By beating Canadian 19-year-old Leylah Fernandez (left pic) 6-4, 6-3 in the final at Arthur Ashe Stadium on Saturday, Raducanu ensured that she went through the whole tournament without losing a single set. The last woman to achieve that remarkable feat at the US Open was the legendary Serena Williams, who did so in 2014 P11

YOUNGEST SLAM CHAMP SINCE SHARAPOVA

- The British teenager, who is two months shy of her 19th birthday, has become the youngest to win a Grand Slam since Maria Sharapova's triumph at Wimbledon in 2004 as a 17-year-old
- Having started the tournament ranked 150th in the world, the victory will see her rise swiftly to become World No 23

44 yrs
FIRST SLAM WIN FOR A BRITISH WOMAN SINCE VIRGINIA WADE IN 1977

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Land conversion will soon take just 24 hrs

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

STATING that the revenue department will bring in changes that could give a boost to the real estate sector and help farmers trying to get their agricultural land converted to residential or commercial purposes, Revenue Minister R Ashoka said that the time taken for conversion of land will be reduced from around four-six months currently to 24 hours.

Ashoka told The New Indian Express, "It is a serious issue for many farmers. We have held ten meetings to simplify the entire procedure. There have been several complaints about inordinate delays in converting agricultural land. The newly worked out plan is to make this process simple and reduce the time taken by different officers and departments."

Now, as per procedure, the revenue department sends the application for land conversion from the deputy commissioner to the planning authority, the file then moves to all land acquisition officers, further to the tahsildar, then to the revenue inspector and finally to the village accountant.

By the time the land gets converted, it takes around six months and needs a multiplicity of reports, Ashoka said, adding that an amendment needs to be passed to change the present system.

On other changes, Ashoka said, "There are many instances of khata updation not being done and Pouthi-inheritance not carried out properly. We are working out a procedure to ensure that Pouthi creation is made easier."

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Greenhorn Patel to be new chief minister of Gujarat

Protégé of UP Governor Anandiben Patel, he will take oath of office and secrecy today; first-term MLA, he has no ministerial experience

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI

FORGET the short list, he was not even on the speculated long list to become outgoing chief minister Vijay Rupani's successor. The BJP on Sunday pulled a rabbit out of the hat by giving the chief ministerial baton to political greenhorn **Bhupendra Patel**, a first-term MLA with no ministerial experience.

Seen as a protégé of UP Governor Anandiben Patel, he represents her Ghatlodia seat in the Assembly. Patel, 59, later met Governor Acharya Devvrat along with Rupani to take stake his claim for the hot seat. He is also associated with a couple of Patidar outfits as well. A civil engineer by qualification and builder by profession, he will take the oath of office and secrecy on Monday.

The soft-spoken, low profile Patel will now lead the state BJP to polls in 2022. "The selection of Bhupendra Patel is a master stroke of Anandiben Patel. The BJP has killed many birds with one stone. It is also to checkmate Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel because both come from the same region and are Kadva Patels, a sub-caste of the Patel community," said senior journalist based in Gujarat, adding it will also possibly end Patidar agitations in the state.

Bhupendra Patel will take oath as CM...Only the CM will be sworn in tomorrow. The new cabinet will be formed after consultation with senior leaders in a couple of days

C R Paatil, BJP state president

After Union ministers Narendra Singh Tomar and Pralhad Joshi flew in from Delhi as observers, they held a series of meetings with senior party functionaries. The matter was first discussed in the core committee meeting before it was taken up at the BJP legislature party meeting.

The proposal to elevate Bhupendra Patel was moved by Rupani, after which almost all lawmakers fell in line. Most of the 112 MLAs of the party in the 182-member Assembly were present at the meeting. However, Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel, who was in the race for chief ministership, left the meeting without making any statement, while BJP's state unit president C R Paatil had earlier said he was not a contender for the top post.

In Uttarakhand too, the BJP chose Pushkar Singh Dhami as chief minister though he had no ministerial experience.

Patel will be the first-ever CM from Ahmadabad. He won the 2017 Assembly elections from Ghatlodia, defeating Congress candidate Shashikant Patel by a margin of over one lakh votes, the highest winning margin in that election. His Assembly constituency is part of the Gandhinagar Lok Sabha seat represented by Union minister Amit Shah.

Session begins today; Siddu, DKS to ride bullock carts

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

AS the ten-day monsoon session of Karnataka legislature kicks off on Monday, opposition parties, especially the Congress, plans to corner the Basavaraj Bommai government on price rise of essential commodities, handling of the Covid situation, lack of vaccine supplies, National Education Policy and other issues.

The government, on the other hand, plans to get 18 bills passed during the session, including the all-important amendment to the Karnataka Police Act, 1963, to ban online gambling. Asked if the time allotted for the session was enough, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J C Madhuswamy said, "Ten days of session is sufficient to discuss the issues, provided the opposition does not disrupt the proceedings and stages a walkout."

On the first day of the session, Leader of Opposition and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president DK Shivakumar are planning to arrive at Vidhana Soudha on bullock carts to make a dramatic point about the increase in fuel prices.

The opposition has also planned to rake up law and order problem in the coastal region over religious issues and alleged sexist remarks of Home Minister Araga Jnanendra in the Mysuru college girl's rape case. P4

A TEST OF TIME AND HOPE

Students and their parents at a National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) examination centre in Bengaluru on Sunday. According to data, over 95% registered candidates appeared for NEET at over 3,800 centres across India | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

DEATH IN 30 DAYS OF POSITIVE TEST TO GET COVID STAMP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE demise of any person within 30 days of being detected Covid-positive at hospital or home shall be treated as Covid death irrespective of co-morbidities for issuing a death certificate, according to the latest guidelines framed by the Centre.

The guidelines shared with the Supreme Court came after the court's June 30 verdict, which had sought clear steps to simplify the norms for issuance and correction of death certificates and official documents. The certificates must state upfront the exact cause of death, that is, 'death due to Covid', to enable dependents to get benefits of welfare schemes, the SC had directed.

To determine the benchmark, the Centre's affidavit cited a study by Indian Council of Medical Research, which found that 95% of deaths take place within 25 days of being tested Covid positive. "To make the scope broader and more inclusive, deaths occurring within 30 days from the date of testing or from the date of being clinically determined as a COVID-19 case, will be treated as 'deaths due to COVID-19, even if the death takes place outside the hospital/ in-patient facility."

Also, Covid cases admitted in hospital/in-patient facility who continued as the same admission beyond 30 days and later died, shall be treated as Covid deaths.

"Deaths occurring due to poisoning, suicide, homicide and deaths due to accident, among others, will not be considered Covid deaths even if Covid is an accompanying condition," the guidelines added.

Those unsatisfied with the death certificate can submit a petition to a committee that would include an additional district collector, the chief medical officer of health and a subject matter expert, for issuing of the 'Official Document for Covid Death', the guidelines further stated.

Grievance redressal

A committee will be set up at the district level to deal with grievances if the next of kin of the deceased is not satisfied with the cause of death given in the certificate. The panel has to dispose the plaint of within 30 days

NATIONWIDE	SEPT 11	SEPT 12
Fresh cases	33,376	28,591
Recoveries	32,198	34,848
Deaths	308	338

KARNATAKA	SEPT 11	SEPT 12
Fresh cases	801	803
Recoveries	1,142	802
Deaths	15	17

Rowdy hacked to death inside football stadium

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IN a shocking murder that was committed in broad daylight, a rowdy-sheeter was chased and hacked to death by a gang of armed assailants inside a referee's room at the Bangalore Football Stadium in Ashoknagar on Sunday afternoon.

Following the murder, the Karnataka State Football Association's (KSFA) Sporting Planet Trophy Prospective Women's 'A' Division league — the second match of which was about to commence at 4 pm when the shocking incident occurred — was postponed by a few days.

The rowdy-sheeter was identified as 26-year-old **Aravind alias Lee** (26), a resident of New Bagaluru Layout. The police have formed two special teams and have launched a hunt for the killers.

The police said Aravind was part of a local football team and had come to play six-a-side tournament at the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) ground right opposite the KSFA Stadium. After the match, he was drinking juice with his friends by the roadside when the gang attacked him. Trying to escape, Aravind ran across the road into the KSFA Stadium and went into the stands. But the assailants chased him inside the stadium.

"Aravind escaped from the stands too and got into a referee's room before locking himself inside. The gang, however, broke open the door and hacked him to death with deadly weapons. They immediately escaped from the spot," the police said. The police are verifying the CCTV footage to identify the killers. DCP (Central) MN Anucheth said a murder case has been registered at the Ashoknagar police station and two special teams have been formed to nab the assailants.

Aravind was a rowdy sheeter of Bharathi Nagar police station and had 13 cases, including two attempts-to-murder, registered against him at various police stations. P5

SYLLABUS ROW

Why oppose univ chapters on RSS icons, asks Tharoor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @T'Puram

CONGRESS leader Shashi Tharoor on Sunday came out in support of the controversial Kannur University syllabus that includes chapters on RSS ideologues V D Savarkar and M S Golwalkar.

"What is the point of going to universities if you want to read only what you like?" Tharoor asked. The reaction from the flamboyant Thiruvananthapuram MP, considered the intellectual face of the Congress, comes at a time when the party's leaders in the state have taken up cudgels against the Sangh Parivar for the inclusion of RSS ideologues in the syllabus for the post-graduate students of Kannur University.

Tharoor, a celebrated author and orator, recalled that he had quoted at length on Veer Savarkar and M S Golwalkar in his books and then refuted them. The Congress' member of Parliament said it is foolish to believe that ignorance of someone's ideas will help one defeat them.

"Some friends disapprove of my stand that academic freedom requires us to read, understand & debate every point of view, including those we disagree with. If we don't read Savarkar & Golwalkar, on what basis will we oppose their ideas? #KannurUniversity also teaches Gandhi & Tagore. Intellectual freedom is far too important a value in our society to be sacrificed at the altar of party politics," he tweeted.

Governor Arif Mohammed Khan had also supported the Kannur University for introducing the chapters on Saturday, though the move drew flak from senior Congress leader V M Sudheeran.

VACCINES

OVER 74 CR COVID JABS ADMINISTERED IN INDIA

All adults in Sikkim, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Himachal Pradesh, Goa, Ladakh and Lakshadweep have received at least one dose of the vaccine. government data shows

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EXPRESS READ

Flight with Karandlaje on board develops snag

Bengaluru: An Alliance Air flight with Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shobha Karandlaje on board returned to the parking bay before take-off, following a technical snag at the Kempegowda International Airport here on Sunday. The ATR 72-600 flight, 9I 517, from Bengaluru to Hyderabad, which was scheduled to depart at 6.45 pm, suffered a snag, a statement issued by the minister's office said. Another flight was arranged by the airline to fly the passengers, including the minister, to Hyderabad. The flight had 34 passengers on board | P2

Goods truck rams into utility vehicle, 8 dead

Chikkaballapur: Eight people were killed when a goods truck rammed into the utility vehicle they were travelling in, near Madikere Cross on Madanpalle-Chinthamani Road in the district. While five died on the spot, three succumbed in hospital | P5

TINY MEOW...

A rusty-spotted cat, captured on camera hiding in thick foliage, at an undisclosed location of Devarayanadurga forest area in Tumakuru district recently. One of the smallest members of the feline family, the animal is listed as an endangered species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature | PIC: VIPIN ROY | P5

NEW MODEL

Mental gymnastics for honing students' skills

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

AS he kept climbing the academic ladder abroad, Mohammad Sajid Hussain (35) realised how outdated the one-way dissemination of knowledge from teacher to students through monologue was. He figured that was why his fellow students back home fell off the knowledge radar.

So, Sajid quit his high-flying job at the National Aerospace Laboratory (NAL), returned to Chitarpur, his village in Jharkhand, to start a Schoolasium – a portmanteau word coined by combining school and gymnasium – to change the way the underprivileged were taught. Seven years on, Schoolasium has turned into a resource centre for schools attempting to emulate its experiential learning model. Sajid claimed his model has been adopted by over 120 government and private schools in Gumla, Palamu, Koderma, Hazaribagh, Ramgarh, Jamshedpur, Dhanbad and even in some districts of Bihar.

At Schoolasium, instructors make students exercise their brains through practical lessons, similar to the way physical workouts build body muscles. This teaching methodology is called Maker Oriented Pedagogy (MOP), which is a play-based learning system seeking to make children problem solvers through practical life lessons.

Recalling how lack of support from their school stopped many of his classmates from realising their true potential, Sajid said: "I returned to my village to change the learning process. Things here are not in tune with the technological transitions across the world. I want the learning process in rural areas to be vibrant." Sajid studied at a madarsa till class VI, before joining Chitarpur High School. After doing his Masters from IISc, Bengaluru, he went to Germany to earn his PhD and returned to India in 2012, when he landed the NAL job.

His exposure to varied teaching models made him realise that a combination of poor academic condition and lack of access to educational infrastructure was the reason behind students failing to realise their full potential. CONTINUED ON: P8

ALMANAC TODAY

• **Monday:** 13/09/2021 • **Year:** Plava • **Ayana:** Dakshinayna
• **Ritu:** Varsha • **Masa:** Bhadrapada • **Paksha:** Shukla • **Tithi:** Sapthami 5.10 pm
• **Nakshatra:** Anuradha 11.23 am • Moon in Dhanur Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am
• **Gulikakala:** 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • **Yamaganda:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER

MIN 20°C | MAX 27°C

FORECAST
Light rain. Overcast

Sunrise 6.08 am
Sunset 6.22 pm
Moonrise 11.58 am
Moonset 11.38 pm

The 10-minute interval between trains has irked passengers

Commuters on new Metro lines want better frequency

BMRCL cites poor patronage for long gaps

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

TWO new Metro lines were launched this year, but they are witnessing low occupancy in line with the rest of the Metro network post lockdown. A good chunk of commuters along these stretches, who are just getting a chance to travel by Metro after a long wait, are irked with the 10-minute gap between trains and want more frequency.

The two stretches of Phase-II launched during Covid times — the Mysuru Road-Kengeri line on August 29 and the Yelachenahalli-Silk Board line on January 15 — are presently experiencing limited patronage which was expected due to the pandemic. The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) is running trains at 10-minute intervals on these lines, regardless of peak or non-peak hours.

Among those disgruntled are Shreya V Kashyap, a first-year dental student from R V Dental College. She is a regular commuter between Talaghattapura and R V Road Metro stations on the Yelachenahalli line. "We definitely need trains with more frequency. There have been times when I have missed a train by less than a minute when I am rushing to college around 8.20 am. It is almost a 10-minute wait for the next train and I reach collegelate. This long interval, in turn, is making every train crowded," she told TNIE.

Her friend Nikitha S Murthy takes the train from Doddakallasandra Metro station to R V Road. "Since this is a new station, I think they are running trains only every 10 minutes. It will definitely help if trains ply at shorter intervals."

Ravindra D, manager with a private firm, says his son Aditya frequently commutes on the extended Purple Line to meet his cousin at Jeevan Bima Nagar, "When he returns home, his train often terminates at Mysore Road. And then he needs to take the next Metro train which reaches up to Kengeri."

Transport expert Sanjeev Dyamannavar concedes this is a problem Metro commuters on the new lines face. "I really feel trains ought to be run every five minutes at least, as it is public transport." Asked about the issue, BMRCL Managing Director Anjum Parwez said, "Metro is run only on taxpayers' money. The reduced patronage due to the pandemic has increased our operational losses. If you look at the Mysuru Road-Kengeri Line, we average only 8,200 commuters."

Union minister on board, Hyd flight develops snag

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

AN Alliance Air flight from Bengaluru to Hyderabad, in which Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shobha Karandlaje was among 33 other passengers, developed a technical snag before take-off and returned to the parking bay on Sunday evening.

An alternative flight was arranged by the airline for all the passengers, which took off nearly two hours later. The incident occurred a little before 6.45 pm when flight no 9I-517, an ATR 72-600 aircraft, was about to depart from the parking bay. The flight was originally scheduled to reach Hyderabad by 8.45 pm.

Confirming the incident, a senior Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) official told The New Indian Express, "Flight 9I-517 was involved in ramp return at Bengaluru due to DC Generator fault." According to a statement from Alliance Air, "Due to technical reasons, the aircraft was pushed back. Another Alliance Air aircraft was arranged which took off at 8.36 pm."

The airline did not give any further details, but according to aviation experts, continuity of electric power to all load distribution circuits is crucial for electrical systems in modern aircraft through take-off, during flight and while landing. Any fault detected has to be urgently dealt with to avoid any serious consequences, which could be the reason for the flight being brought back to the bay to rectify the snag.

A statement from Karandlaje's office said that airline authorities reached out to her as she was a Union Minister, and explained the technical issues while requesting her to alight and wait in the VIP lounge till further arrangements were made. However, "She politely refused the offer of airlines/airport officials and requested them to make necessary arrangements for each and every passenger in the plane and said she would be the last person to leave the flight."

Responding to this gesture by the Minister, Alliance Air added, "We deeply appreciate the humble gesture by Minister Ms Shobha Karandlaje. Her kind consideration is exemplary and inspiring for all flyers and for us as an airline."

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> Statement from Alliance Air

This bad stretch of road between Rayasandra Circle towards SJR Parkway Apartments on Doddanagamangala Road is scarred with numerous potholes; Only a few metres of the road is actually visible. The residents fear that poor road condition may lead to accidents and personal injury. | **SHUJA WANI**

DANGER ZONE

The pathetic condition of the road at Balaji Layout in Raghuvanahalli near Kanakapura Road was shared by TNIE reader **Ashwini Prasad**. Locals complain that they have been deprived of a motorable, asphalted road for nearly a decade.

FURTHER POSTPONEMENT

Manpower shortage delays KIA T2 launch

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THE second terminal of the Kempegowda International Airport is not likely to be launched anytime soon. The March 2021 deadline was pushed to March 2022 due to the pandemic. The next possible deadline has been set as June 2022, but it is highly unlikely that it can be too.

Asked for details about the progress of work on the second terminal, a spokesperson for Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL) did not mention any specific month or year. There has been a delay in Terminal 2 dates due to the pandemic, which has caused disruption in global supply chains and also contributed to manpower shortage. The safety protocols for construction workers too had to be factored in, the spokesperson added.

"We are also cognizant of the fact that the current passenger volumes are low and recovery will take some time. In this context, it is important that we manage the operationalisation of Terminal-2 in a financially responsible manner," he explained. The Terminal 1, which was built to handle 20 million passengers per annum, is now capable of handling 36 million passengers per year due to smart digital interventions such as Digi Yatra, Smart Security System and Contactless, Self-Bag Drop, the spokesperson said. "This 36 MPPA-capacity terminal is enough to cater to the growth in traffic for the next 18 months at least," he noted.

UNLIT 6-KM STRETCH OF LINK ROAD RAISES SAFETY CONCERNS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

WITH no streetlights on a 6-km stretch of the Jigani-Bommasandra Link Road, motorists are facing a tough time commuting during the night.

Residents of surrounding areas, who use this road every day, have repeatedly raised the issue with the authorities concerned, but they allege that nothing has been done. Manjunath S Achar, a resident of Mastenahalli, said the road is a hub of several multi-national companies and thousands of employees have to use this road.

"The Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB), which has developed the area, had installed streetlights. However, they are not working since January. Earlier too, they were not working and they were rectified at a cost of around Rs 50 lakh in January. The street was lit up for a month and it has turned dark again," Achar rued.

Robberies are said to have become rampant on this stretch as miscreants take advantage of the dark. "As workers use this road in the night, they have become easy targets to miscreants. Many have lost their mobile phones and other valuables to robbers. I have written to the KIADB several times raising the issue, but there is no positive response," he added. Sampath Mateti, a resident of a gated community in Bommasandra, said the dark stretch is a threat to the safety of women. "As there are several companies along the road working round the clock, women employees working in night shifts are also facing a problem. Hence, the KIADB should take the issue seriously and fix it at the earliest, as it involves the safety of women."

Accidents are another nightmare that commuters fear. "Heavy vehicles including trailers take this road in the nights. As there are no lights, commuters, especially bikers, find it very difficult to use this link road. During rains, it is much more dangerous," said Lakshminarayan, a resident of Hennagara.

Fed up with the lackadaisical attitude of the KIADB, the residents have also approached the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority seeking relief.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

13th September: The Moon is passing through energetic zones. In my opinion, this just about adds up to a day when we can all alter our arrangements and adjust our opinions. I guess the thing to do is make the necessary changes without causing too much chaos - or letting other people down.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Don't be slow in coming forward, for you deserve to be number one. And neither is there any need to pursue a conventional course. If you follow a hunch then you might find that you reach your destination by a very different and much quicker route.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
You can afford to be quite laid-back today, but if you're right in the middle of a professional wrangle or any dispute with authority, check up on the legal angle, and ask whatever questions are necessary to get to the right answer. Don't worry about what other people think - that's their business!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You might believe that money is the most important thing in the world, but you'd be wrong. It's the law that matters most, and you need to be absolutely and perfectly sure of your rights as soon as possible. And then there's a little question of justice - and that's your real goal!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
When the circumstances demand, you can always call on your legendary compassion, and it's extremely likely that others will look for your sympathy today. However, in spite of first appearances, the best remedy may be no more taxing than a nice chat with a close friend!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
There is a narrow line to be drawn between keeping your emotional defences up, which is desirable, and cutting other people out, which is not. It's all a matter of being kind to yourself, but maintaining a proper balance all round, acknowledging partners' very real concerns.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
It looks as if this might be a very busy week, which is one good reason to take things slowly and conserve your energy today. But, then, it could be the case that, while your plans change frequently, you don't actually achieve a great deal! A child or younger relation requires reassurance.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
If you sense that you're about to hit an emotional turning-point, you're right, which is why this particular time is so vital for making sure that your emotional foundations are firm. You must convince other people that you know what you're doing - and that you can succeed!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Some people say that life is what happens when we are busy making plans. And right now it's difficult to say what's around the next corner. Your best policy is to ready for last minute changes and welcome any opportunity to try out something totally new and different.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You may look back on previous financial blunders and wonder how you were ever so naive. However, according to one of those strange laws of fate, the moment you dwell on the past, someone will take advantage of you again. Focus on everything that's good - and things must get better.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
The Moon is making its presence felt again, so take advantage of every single opportunity to exert emotional control, especially at home. Always be flexible, for the moment you lapse into old habits, your actions will rebound on you. And that would never do!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Everything that happened over the last two weeks, and even over the last six months, can be seen as a rehearsal for the coming upheavals and opportunities. Make sure you have all plots and schemes thoroughly worked out in your own mind before going public.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You are still living an inner life that few people can glimpse and fewer still can understand, but the cumulative result of everything that takes place this week should be to give you a sort of inward glow. You should believe in yourself, even when other people can't grasp what you're doing.

THE PHANTOM

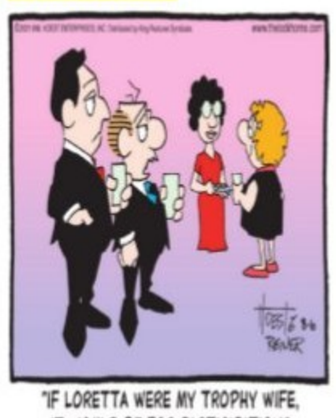
HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

I JUST REMEMBERED DIDN'T YOU WANT ME TO PICK UP SOMETHING ON MY WAY HOME?
IT WASN'T VERY IMPORTANT, DEAR
BUT WHAT WAS IT?
IT REALLY DOESN'T MATTER
YOU FORGOT WHAT IT WAS TOO, DIDN'T YOU?
WHY DON'T WE JUST CALL IT A DRAW AND MOVE ON, SWEETHEART?

LOCKHORNS



DENNIS THE MENACE

SU DO KU

Evil: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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3	8		1					
9				6	5	4		
7			6					
	1	8				2	4	
					2			1
		9	4	8				5
					1		8	4
8		1			3			

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

1	6	5	3	4	8	7	2	9
2	9	3	6	1	7	8	4	5
4	8	7	5	9	2	6	3	1
6	7	1	4	2	5	3	9	8
8	2	9	1	7	3	4	5	6
5	3	4	8	6	9	1	7	2
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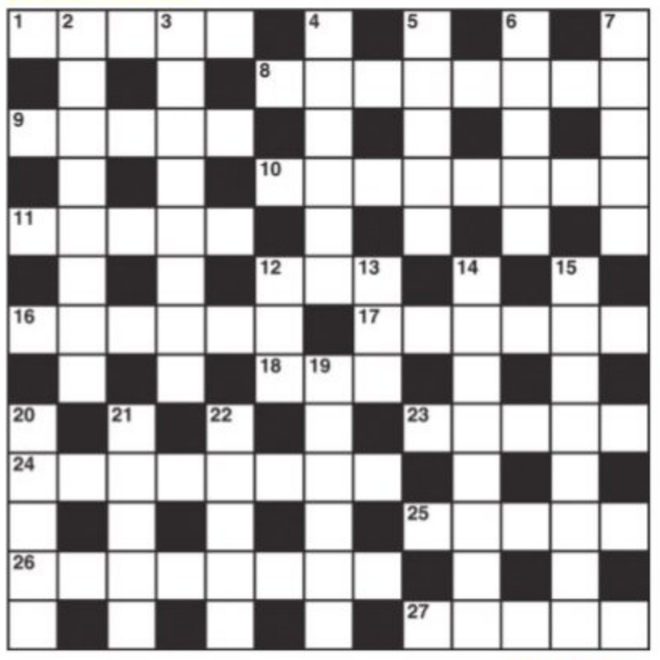
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Imitate one in opera hitting a note (5)
8 He is engaged in outdoor pursuits (8)
9 A sci-fi writer's resources (5)
10 Back-slapping sailors? (8)
11 Aircraft tool (5)
12 An act of duplicity? (3)
16 There's a change in the Old Testament (6)
17 We slid around before finding controls (6)
18 Foreign currency needed in many enterprises (3)
23 Nellie is back but I'm wanting another (5)
24 Rash but not so destructive it's said (8)
25 Tinned beef like this is poison (5)
26 It's Bob's turn to be obstinate (8)
27 Parts with some bread we hear (5)

DOWN

2 The Utopian has his own collection of notions (8)
3 A hot line arranged for the opera (8)
4 Foreign office (6)
5 Tale of one's past or youth (5)
6 There's scope for a doctor with sex appeal (5)
7 Aromatic plant from Siena (5)
12 Barren plain (3)
13 Have wonredress (3)
14 Boring task for the affluent (4-2-2)
15 A small deposit secures (8)
19 Possibly run and see to make certain (6)
20 A crowd of journalists (5)
21 Watch for a helpful lad (5)
22 Golfing suit? (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Expound, 5 Annie, 8 Bell tower, 9 Was, 10 Dodo, 12 Seashore, 14 Limpid, 15 Jerkin, 17 Rest cure, 18 Iran, 21 Ewe, 22 Any moment, 24 Steak, 25 Dallies.

Down: 1 Ebbed, 2 Pal, 3 Unto, 4 Dowser, 5 Arrested, 6 New Yorker, 7 Eastern, 11 Damascene, 13 Gimcrack, 14 Largess, 16 Brayed, 19 Notes, 20 Cowl, 23 Eli.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Answer here:

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S: **Jumbles:**
TENTH PIXEL BESTOW TROPHY
ANSWER: They bought the very expensive manuka honey hoped the honey would -- "BEE" WORTHIT

TRACKING COVID-19

SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA

803 CASES REPORTED TODAY

TOTAL CASES: TODAY 29,61,735; YESTERDAY 29,60,932

801 CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY

DEATHS: TODAY 17; YESTERDAY 15

The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until September 12, 2021, a total of 29,61,735 cases have been reported in 1 year and 187 days...

DISCHARGES: TODAY 802; YESTERDAY 1,142

Active cases

TODAY	16,656
YESTERDAY	16,672

POSITIVITY RATE

TODAY	6.53%
YESTERDAY	6.55%

The day positivity rate – 0.80% – is calculated as the number of patients testing positive out of 100 tests conducted only in a day.

MORTALITY RATE

TODAY	1.26%
YESTERDAY	1.26%

RECOVERY RATE

TODAY	98.17%
YESTERDAY	98.16%

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES

LAST 24 HOURS

255 BENGALURU URBAN

11 BENGALURU RURAL

Bagalkot	1
Ballari	4
Belagavi	17
Bidar	0
Chamarajanagar	6
Chikkaballapur	2
Chikkamagaluru	14
Chitradurga	4
Dakshina Kannada	153
Davanagere	9
Dharwad	9
Gadag	0
Hassan	30
Haveri	1
Kalaburagi	2
Kodagu	63
Kolar	8
Koppal	0
Mandya	11
Mysuru	36
Raichur	2
Ramanagara	1
Shivamogga	24
Tumakuru	22
Udupi	90
Uttara Kannada	28
Vijayapura	0
Yadgir	0

B'luru to have dedicated health authority: Bommai

Says 280 PHCs will be upgraded; Pitches for public health diploma

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THERE is regional imbalance as regards patient-to-bed ratio and patient-to-doctor ratio in some districts in the Kalyana Karnataka region and Uttara Kannada district, which will be addressed soon. Priority will be given to strengthening health infrastructure besides addressing issues like malnutrition among children, maternal and child mortality in Yadagir, Raichur and Kalaburagi districts, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said on Sunday.

Speaking after launching 120 new ambulances with advanced life support at Vidhana Soudha, the CM said, "Bengaluru will get a single health authority as presently, some health centres are under the BBMP and others under the Health Department." Bommai added that this year, 280 Primary Health Centres will be upgraded. He also pitched for a public health diploma to address related issues.

Karnataka has expanded its fleet of 710 ambulances under the Arogya Kavacha-108 service, with Sunday's addition. Currently, there are 155 ambulances with advanced life support. The state has one ambulance per one lakh population and the government plans to increase this to one vehicle per 40,000-50,000 population.

Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said, "If technologies like GPS, mobile apps are adopted, then we can ensure that ambulances reach patients within 10-15 minutes. A tender has been called to map hospitals which will help us identify the nearest available hospitals and also bring in transparency. Now, it takes about 30-45 minutes for an ambulance to reach a patient in urban areas and more than 45 minutes in rural areas. We are working to bring down the turnaround time to 10-15 minutes by using technology and also increasing the number of ambulances."

Health Commissioner Thrilok Chandra told *TNIE* that this proposal is yet to be discussed and worked out. He also pointed out that way back in 2008, as many as 150 ambulances were launched under the 108 scheme and now the fleet strength has increased to 710 which will help in speedy delivery of services.

Meanwhile, the CM also inaugurated a new complex of government schools and colleges at Agrahara Dasarahalli.

The 120 ambulances, which were added to the fleet of 108 Helpline vehicles, parked at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Less than 1K new cases for 3 days

BENGALURU: For three days in a row, Karnataka has reported less than 1,000 Covid-19 cases. On Sunday, it was 803, pushing the positivity rate down from 6.55% to 6.53% and taking the state tally up to 29,61,735. There were 921 discharges which increased the recovery rate from 98.16% to 98.17%. There were 17 deaths which took the total fatalities to 37,504, despite which the mortality rate stayed the same at 1.26%. Active cases decreased from 16,672 to 16,656. On Saturday, the state saw 801 cases, and on Friday, 967 cases. ENS

Hospital turned into Covid-19 facility for kids

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A two-storeyed hospital opened in 1990-1991 by the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) in Jayanagar here has been converted into a children's Covid-19 hospital on Sunday, owing to the rise in cases in Bengaluru.

The 50-bed Children's Hospital, inaugurated in the presence of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, has been renovated at a cost of Rs 99 lakh, wherein Rs 35 lakh was sanctioned from Bengaluru South MP Tejasvi Surya's MP-LAD grant and Rs 66 lakh was sanctioned from the Karnataka State Disaster Management Fund.

"The hospital has its own oxygen room and a 24x7 generator facility. The hospital has also earmarked space for its laboratory. PayTM, Embassy Group, Yahoo Employees' Foundation, Mahindra & Mahindra, and Round Table India Trust contributed equipment as well," the KSRTC said.

The hospital has 48 high-dependency oxygen beds and they will be available for use by KSRTC employees, strengthening the healthcare infrastructure for this particularly vulnerable segment. The high-dependency oxygen beds will allow for continuous monitoring and medical support until an ICU bed can be allocated to a patient. The facility can also be used to cater to black fungus and paediatric cases as required.

The oxygen generation plant has a capacity of 250 litres per minute and storage capacity of 1,000 litres. There is an alternate provision of oxygen through cylinders.

Beds kept ready at the KSRTC Hospital, which has been converted into a Covid treatment facility for children, in Bengaluru on Sunday | EXPRESS

NO +VE CASE OVER PAST ONE WEEK IN GADAG

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

FOR the first time, Gadag has not reported a single Covid case for the last one week and there were no deaths reported in the past one month.

Earlier, there were one or two cases reported per day but this time not a single case was reported for the last one week. As per the bulletin, there are only nine active cases in the district.

Though this is good news for people, officials have warned and asked them to follow Covid norms this festive season. The cases have completely come down in rural areas in the last 15 days and more than 50 villages are completely vaccinated. However, the district administration is all set to face the possible third wave.

On September 3, four cases were reported in Gadag and from September 4-10, not a single case was reported and the death graph has also hit the ground as the last Covid death was reported on August 5.

District administration and health officials have also increased Covid tests. ASHA workers are keeping a vigil on children in rural areas as many fear a possible third wave.

Deputy Commissioner Sundareshbabu has asked all the taluk hospitals to be equipped with medicines and beds with ventilators and oxygen facility to face any emergency situation.

District Surveillance Officer Jagadish Nuchchin said, "On Friday, the positivity rate of the district was 0.06 per cent and we are expecting this to hit zero to get a tag of Covid-free district."

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BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, AT BENGALURU
Original Application No. 321/2021
Between:
Canara Bank, (erstwhile Syndicate Bank) Sheshadripuram Branch, No.34,1st Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru - 560 020 Represented by its Chief Manager, Mr. V. Uma Raghavendra, S/o. V. Harinath, Aged about 38 years, Mobile No. 9449860016, E-mail: cb10407@canarabank.com ...Applicant
And
Mr. S. Prasanna & Another ...Defendants
SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 TO THE DEFENDANTS THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION
To :
1. **Mr. S. Prasanna** S/o.Mr. Srinivas, No. 28, 2nd Main, 3rd Cross, Subbanna Garden, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 040, Mobile No. 7829556789/7259728316, PAN Card No. AHBPP1952C
2. **Mr. Ravi Kumar B.,** S/o. Basavaiah, No. 87, 3rd Cross, Telecom Layout, Bhuvaneshwari nagar, Bengaluru - 560 020. Mob.No. 9945439304, PAN Card No. AUYPR0483L ...Defendants
1. Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an application under section 19, of the recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the Defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.1,15,56,416/-** (Rupees One Crore Fifteen Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Four Hundred Sixteen Only)
2. The above mentioned defendants are directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or duly authorised agent in support of your defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **10.12.2021** at **10.30 a.m.,** as to why the relief/s prayed should not be granted.
3.Take notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **9th** day of **September 2021 at Bengaluru.**
By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar I/c.
Debts Recovery Tribunal-I

RBL BANK LTD
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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE - APPENDIX IV - Rule 8(1)

The Authorised officer of **RBL Bank Ltd.** under Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notice 14.06.2021** calling upon Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within **60 days** from receipt of the said notice.
The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **RBL Bank Ltd.** has **taken SYMBOLIC POSSESSION** on **08.09.2021** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules as per detail below:

Sl. No.	Name of Account and Address of the Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Amount Due (Rs.)	Details of the immovable property for which symbolic possession is taken
1	**MS. MONISHA B (Borrower, Hypothecator),** Abhyudaya, 7/2, 2nd cross, Kempaiah Block, Lower Palace, Orchards, Palace Guttahalli, Bangalore-560003. **MRS. VEDAVATHI BALARAJU (Guarantor & Mortgagor),** Abhyudaya, 7/2, 2nd cross, Kempaiah Block, Lower Palace, Orchards, Palace Guttahalli, Bangalore-560003. **MR. G BALARAJU (Guarantor & Mortgagor),** Abhyudaya, 7/2 2nd cross, Kempaiah Block, Lower Palace, Orchards, Palace Guttahalli, Bangalore-560003.	**Rs.2,23,33,631/- (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Three Lacs Thirty Three Thousand Six Hundred Thirty One Only) With further interest and charges thereon.**	**Hypothecator - Ms. Monisha B:** Exclusive charge by way of hypothecation of entire fixed assets and all current assets including standing crops created out of Bank Finance in the lands mortgaged to Bank at Sy No's 8 admeasuring 5A-03G, Melakunte Village, Jangamakote hobil, Sidlaghatta Taluk, Chikkaballapura Dist.

The Borrower/ Mortgagor/ Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **RBL Bank Ltd.**
Your attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of SARFAESI Act for redemption of secured assets i.e. property mentioned hereinbefore by tendering the aforementioned outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by our bank.
Place: CHIKKABALLAPURA | **Authorised officer**
Date: 11.09.2021 | **RBL Bank Ltd.**

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VANDNA DEVI,** D/O Badri Vishal Tripathi, R/O HNo.302, Dollars Residency, Nagashettyhalli, RMV II stage, Bengaluru – 94, have changed my name to VANDANA TRIPATHI for all purpose; vide affidavit no.IN- KA99520100510804T dated 09 Sep 2021 at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SREELAKSHMI NADAR RAJAN,** S/o. N. Rajan, aged about 21 years, residing at # 71/1, 6th Cross, Old Airport Road, Bangalore - 560 071, have changed my name from **Sreelakshmi N R** initial expansion is **NADAR RAJAIAN** to **SREELAKSHMI NADAR RAJAN** vide affidavit dated 9.9.2021 sworn before H.G. Venkataramu, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Randhir Rai,** previously called **Randhir Kumar,** S/o. Kameshwar Roy, aged 28 years, Residing at Flat No. G9, 'Sai Pride Apartment', Hongasandra, Bengaluru-560 068. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from **'RANDHIR KUMAR' to "RANDHIR RAI",** Vide Affidavit dated 11.09.2021, Sworn before Advocate and Notary Public A.M. Rajasekar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RASHMI NIRAWANI,** aged about 32 years, W/o Late Adiveppa, Service No. 825487L, residing at CHAF, Bangalore have changed my name from **RASHMI NIRAWANI** to **RASHMI ADIVEPPA NIRAWANI,** through affidavit sworn before VI Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore, dated: 7-9-2021.

DECLARATION
I, **CHETHANA P.,** W/o. Lakshminarayana Bhatta U., Residing at No. S-3, 2nd Floor, Lake Lamp Apartments, 5th Main, 6th Cross, ITI Layout, Mallathahalli, Bangalore - 560 056, hereby declare that my correct name is **CHETHANA P.** but in my Driving Licence vide DL No. 20050002516 my name is wrongly mentioned as **CHETANA L. BHATTA** instead of **CHETHANA P.** vide affidavit dated 12.09.2021 sworn before K.C. Shashikala, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANGELA TERRY CONQUEST,** RESIDING AT # 10, 1ST MAIN, 6TH CROSS, VINAYAKANAGAR, ADUGODI POST, BENGALURU-560 030 HAVE CHANGED THE NAME OF MY MINOR SON FROM **DAMIEN AIDEN ALYWIN** TO **AIDEN ANTHONY,** VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED: 09-09-2021 SWORN BEFORE NOTARY **GANGARAJU .B.N,** BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **H.C. MANJULA,** aged about 59 years, W/o. S.M. Srinivas, residing at No. 72, Balaji Nilaya, PF Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore - 560 040, Karnataka, have changed my name from **H.S. MAMATHA** to **H.C. MANJULA** vide affidavit dated 11.09.2021 sworn before K.C. Shashikala, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
We, **BALARAMA L & SATHYAVATHY M,** both r/at No. 5(19), 1st Cross, 1st Street, G.K. Lane, Chickpet, Bangalore-560 043 do hereby declare that we have changed our name from **L. BALA RAMA & M. SATHYA VATHY** to **BALARAMA L & SATH YAVATHY M.,** hereafter we shall be known and called as **BALARAMA L & SATHYAVATHY M.** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 9th September 2021 sworn before Advocate and Notary **R. BASAVARAJA** at Bangalore.

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2. Original Sale Deed dated **27th September, 1984,** registered as **No. 1882/84-85, in Book-I, Volume 2365, Pages 63 to 68, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore,**
3. Original Sale Deed dated **21st April 1986,** registered as **No. 191/86-87 in Book-I, Volume 2500, Pages 127 to 130, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore,**
4. All other earlier documents, Tax Paid Receipts, Municipal Khata, Etc.
Pertaining to the Immovable Property being Land with building thereon now bearing Corporation No.60, C.K.Garden (Chikka Kadirappa), Maruthi Seva Nagar Ward, Bangalore (PID No. 86-15-60) Bounded on East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Private Property bearing No. 61, South by : Private Property bearing No. 59, measuring on the East by 30 Feet, West by 30 Feet North by 47 Feet and South by 48 feet totally measuring 1425 Sq.Ft, have been misplaced. A Police Complaint has also been lodged with Frazer Town Police Station, Pulikeshinagar, Bangalore, on 11-09-2021, bearing Complaint No. 0047446/2021.
Mr. William Pinto & Mrs. Mary Elfrida Pinto (Owners), No.60, C.K.Garden, Bangalore.
(SYED MASOOD AHMED)
Advocate & Notary,
No.14, Wellington Street, Richmond Town, Bangalore-560 025.

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This is to inform all Persons, Institutions, Companies in India which are associated with the business of M/s. CIM GLOBAL India Pvt Ltd, (previously 'Conferences & Incentives Management (I) Pvt. Ltd.,) that our client **Smt. Anitha Niranjan W/o Niranjan. R,** R/a. # 18, 1st A Main Road, Opp. to Keerthana Motors, N.S. Palya, BTM Layout, 2nd Stage, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560076, having DIN No. 05172711 has resigned on 16/08/2021 as Director of the above company, it is hereby expressly brought to all concerned through this public notice that from the date of said resignation said Smt. Anitha Niranjan will no more be associated with any type of activities business or liaisons or have any employer-employee transactions or any representations or any responsibilities or any type of duties or anything whatsoever concerned with the said Company in any manner or capacity whatsoever with effect from 25/08/2021. All the Persons, Associations, Societies, Institutions, Companies, Directors, Banks associated who were in connect with our client Smt. Anitha Niranjan in reference to the said company are hereby informed to deal with the Company directly. As is mentioned herein, It is hereby declared that, our client Anitha Niranjan will have no connect whatsoever with said business/ employment any further.
If any Persons, Institutions, Companies and Firms deal with the said company it will be treated as is dealt in their respective capacities at their own determination of profit, risk and consequences, for which acts our client Smt. Anitha Niranjan shall not be responsible for any loss or damages suffered in that behalf.
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Under the instructions of our client **M/s.Campus Students Communities Pvt. Ltd.** having registered office at No. 33/5, First and Second Floors, National High School Road, V.V. Puram, Bangalore-560004, general public are hereby informed that our client is running **Hostel, Student Housing and PG accommodation** in the name and style of **Campus Ville** providing comfortable housing to students.
Our client are the **EXCLUSIVE AND AUTHORISED PARTNER** of **Jain Group of Institutions (JGI)** and **Jain University (JU) (Deemed to be University)** to own, run, operate and manage student housing facility/hostels for the students enrolled in Jain Group of Institutions and Jain University as per the **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** executed on **25/11/2016** between our client and said JGI and JU.
It has come to our client's notice that few spurious Hostel, Student Housing and PG service providers are misleading and cheating students by portraying themselves as partners of Jain Group of Institutions and Jain University to provide accommodation.
Our client with this Public Notice is warning all these **Spurious Hostel, Student Housing and PG Service Providers to immediately stop projecting themselves as partners of Jain Group of Institutions and Jain University** to provide student accommodation there by cheating innocent students, **failure to which our client shall be forced to Criminal/Civil action against these Spurious Hostel, Student Housing and PG Service Providers.**
General Public especially **Students of Jain Group of Institutions and Jain University** are cautioned not to get carried away with any false promotional campaigns and assurances from any other Hostel, Student Housing and PG Service provider regarding hostel accommodation for the students of JGI and JU. Our client requests all such false promotions to be reported immediately to the undersigned for appropriate legal actions.
Adv. Anupam Agarwal
Ramniwas Surajmal
(Advocates & Solicitors)
No. 506, 5th Floor, A Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560 001
anupam@rslegal.in Mobile: 9740645762
Date: 13/09/2021 Place: Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ABHISHEK S.Y.** S/o Mr. Yogananda S.K. Residing at No.152, 3rd Cross, Thannirappa Road, Sriranga Nagar, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560 085 have changed my name from **ABHISHEK S.Y.** to **ATHARVA** and my correct **DOB is 07-12-1988** vide affidavit dated 11-09-2021 sworn before the Notary H.S. Dharma Prasad, Bangalore

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, AT BANGALORE
2nd Floor, Jeevan Mangal Building, No. 4, Residency Road, Bangalore – 560 025
O.A. No.1319 / 2020
Between: Canara Bank, K.R. Puram Branch, No. 47, K.R. Puram Main Road, K.R. Puram, Bengaluru – 560 036. Reptd. by its Senior Manager, Smt. KALAIVANI C. ...Applicant
And
Sri Ramakrishna Reddy G., S/o. Sri Venkatarama Reddy., M/s. R. K. Traders (formerly Sri Sai Enterprises), No. 53, Shop No. 2, Mahalakshmi Complex, Ayappanagar, Devasandra Main Road, K. R. Puram, Bengaluru - 560 036. Also R/at: No. 43, 1st Main Road, 1st Cross, Bhuvaneshwari Layout, Vidyanagar, K.R. Puram, BENGALURU – 560 036. And at: Bommaiahgaripalli, Pompicharla, Chittoor – 517 192, Andhra Pradesh
2. Smt. G. AMRUTHAVALLI, W/o Sri G. Ramakrishna Reddy, R/at No.45, Bhuvaneshwari Layout, 5th Cross, Vidyanagar, K.R. Puram, BENGALURU – 560 036.
...Defendant
NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993
Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the Defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.27,02,242-00** (Rupees Twenty-seven Lakhs Two Thousand Two Hundred Forty-two only), together with current and future interest and other relief/s. The above Defendants are therefore, hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an Advocate or through authorised agent/s in support of their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **30-11-2021 at 11:00 AM,** as to why relief/s prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default, the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **8th day of September, 2021.** Sd/-Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Bangalore

Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre
(A Regd. Society of Govt. of Karnataka)
Major Sandeep Unnikrishna Road, Near Yelahanka
Attur Layout, Bengaluru - 560 064. Phone : 080 - 6735 5000.
No.: KSNDMC/TECH/12/2021/Call-2 Date: 03.09.2021

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

KSNDMC invites tenders for the following through e-procurement portal
1) KSNDMC/TECH/12/2021 for Supply, Installation and maintenance of Servers, workstation comp, desktop Comp, Firewall and SAN storage device at KSNDMC.
The tender document and details on pre bid meeting and last date for submission can be obtained on e-procurement portal of GoK. **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**
Sd/- Director

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TENDER NO: KIMSH/PUR/ 727 /2021-22 Date:13-09-2021

Tender invitation for supply of Medical Equipment's to the Department of Pain Medicine & Department of Dermatology

1) The CEO, Rajya Vokkaligara Sangha; Medical Superintendent & AMO, KIMS Hospital & Research Centre, K.R.Road, V.V. Puram Bangalore-560004, invites short term tenders from eligible tenderers for supply of equipment's in **Two cover bid system from Manufactures/ authorized agencies. 2)** The tenderers may submit their tender for various equipment's listed as per annexure mentioned in Tender form. **Tenderers are advised to note the qualification criteria specified in Section VII to qualify for award of the contract. 3)** Tenders submitted must be accompanied by Earnest money deposit as per the EMD Amount mentioned against each equipment in the **"LIST OF REQUIREMENTS"** in Tender Document in the form of Demand Draft issued in favor of **"AMO, KIMS Hospital & Research Centre"** payable at Bangalore. If the tenderer is quoting more than one equipment, the EMD amount to be deposited should be total for all the equipment's. **4)** The tender application will be issued from **16-09-2021 to 21-09-2021** at The Purchase section, Central Stores, KIMS Hospital & Research Centre on payment of tender form fee of **Rs.5,000+ 18%** GST (non refundable) shall be paid in the form of DD favoring **"AMO, KIMS Hospital & Research Centre"**, Payable at Bangalore. The DD and hard copy of technical bid document shall be submitted to the MS/AMO Office, KIMS Hospital, Bangalore on or before **27-09-2021 before 4.00 pm 5)** The tender document is non-transferable. **6)** Other details can be seen in the tender document.

Sd/-	Sd/-	Sd/-
Administrative Medical Officer KIMS Hospital	Medical Superintendent KIMS Hospital	Chief Executive Officer Rajya Vokkaligara Sangha

Putting all speculation to rest, former chief minister Jagadish Shettar said that Hubballi-Dharwad will have a BJP mayor and deputy mayor

Cong, BJP hold out in K'buragi, JDS unmoved

Nat'l parties try to woo JDS to capture power; Regional party may reveal stand after dates for mayoral polls are out

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

WITH neither the BJP nor the Congress showing any signs of relenting, the Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike council continues to be in a limbo. While the Congress is keen that the JDS tie up with it to come to power in the civic body, there is speculation that the single-largest party may even be preparing to sit in the opposition benches.

Opposition leader in the Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge, had discussed with JDS patriarch H D Deve Gowda about the possibility of an alliance, but had not got a firm positive response. But KPCC president D K Shivakumar and senior leader Siddaramaiah are hopeful that an alliance can be struck largely because the vote has been in favour of the Congress.

Congress working president Eshwar Khandre said, "We are hopeful they will say yes because the popular vote has been in our favour."

Curiously, it is only Mallikarjun Kharge who has been pursuing the coalition while Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar have not actively reached out to the JDS. Sources said the BJP could well be the big winner in this as the party leaders have been reaching out and persuading the JDS. Minister R Ashok had called on JDS leader H D Kumaraswamy on Saturday and the BJP has left no stone unturned to gain control of the Kalaburagi city corporation.

Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani and other leaders have been actively pursuing the JDS to elicit support. Kumaraswamy has said that he will leave the decision to the JDS councillors but has placed certain conditions. The JDS is all set to announce whom they will support when the mayoral election dates are announced.

We are hopeful they (JDS) will say yes because the popular vote has been in our favour

Eshwar Khandre, KPCC working president

'Mistakes in distribution of tickets cost us HDMC'

HUBBALLI: Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president DK Shivakumar on Sunday said the Congress lost the polls to Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation (HDMC) because of "the mistakes committed by local leaders while allotting tickets to candidates." Shivakumar said, "As the right candidates were not picked, five aspirants contested the polls as rebels... This was a setback for the party." Without taking any names, he said the chief minister, a former chief minister, a union minister and other leaders misused their powers and conducted the polls as per their wish. Former minister RV Deshpande said, "Though the Congress has no majority, the result is satisfying. People are not happy with the BJP administration in the state. That is why the ruling party did not get a majority at Hubballi-Dharwad Municipal Corporation." **ENS**

Riding bullock carts, Siddu, DKS to highlight fuel price hike today

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

THE main opposition party Congress is planning to take out a mother of all protests on Monday when the 10-day legislature session begins.

Though the party has held several agitations against fuel price hike over the last few weeks, it will be a spectacle on Monday when septuagenarian Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president DK Shivakumar and other leaders ride four bullock carts to Vidhana Soudha.

Other party MLAs and leaders will march along raising slogans against the rise in fuel prices. The procession will start from Opposition leader's residence near Shivananda Circle.

"We don't want to increase the number of carts as it will lead to traffic jams," said Congress leaders.

It is also not clear how far the march would go as there will be prohibitory orders in place around Vidhana Soudha because of the session.

"We will not raise the issue of price rise on the first day as it is reserved for obituaries. We will take it up when the discussion begins on Tuesday," Congress leaders added.

The 10-day session is likely to be a stormy one | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

The Karnataka government has sought to implement the farm laws in Karnataka. This is poisonous to farmers' interests. We will start a march from the city railway station

Kodihalli Chandrashekar, Raitha Sangha leader

Former minister and Congress leader Krishna Byre Gowda said, "High fuel prices are a burden on the common man. We will raise price rise, nonpayment of compensation to flood victims, the poor financial condition of the State and other issues."

The party, which conducted the first legislature party meeting last Tuesday, will hold the second round of the meeting during the middle of the session to decide strategies to be taken up in the House.

Meanwhile, several farmer associations too have planned protests from Monday against the new farm laws. Raitha Sangha leader Kodihalli Chandrashekar said, "The Karnataka government has sought to implement the farm laws in Karnataka. This is poisonous to farmers' interests. We will start a march from the city railway station."

Opposition to target govt over NEP

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DK Shivakumar said that Congress will corner Higher Education Minister Dr CN Ashwath Narayana on NEP, saying that the policy has been introduced without a debate among stakeholders. Public Accounts Committee Chairman and Congress leader Ramalinga Reddy alleged that the government has hidden Covid death figures to avoid paying compensation to the kin of the deceased, and he would raise it on the floor of the House. JDS, which is still to decide whether to support Congress or BJP in the Kalaburagi Municipal Corporation, has not revealed what stand it would take during the session.

For Bommai, this is the first session after assuming office as CM. Political circles are curious as to how he will handle the opposition demand to release the caste census conducted by the backward classes commission, demand of Panchamashali-Lingayats for 2A tag and other issues.

STRAWS IN THE WIND

Marking his presence with a smile

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai really made his presence felt at the wedding ceremony and reception of Union Minister Pralhad Josh's daughter. He first travelled to Hubballi to attend the wedding and the reception the following day. He was there again at the reception hosted in Bengaluru and yet another one in Delhi. Normally clad in white kurta-pyjamas, Bommai was seen wearing bright colours with a waist coat, happily posing for cameras, sometimes with his family members, sometimes with Governor Thawaarchand Gehlot and even with former CM Yediyurappa and a few of his colleagues. Netizens were quick to point out that despite his busy schedule, the CM took out time to be with the Joshis on all the occasions, much like a family member himself.

Potbellied policemen and a message

It is not unusual that ministers are flooded with petitions. Home Minister Araga Jnanendra has been receiving numerous petitions appealing for police protection, action against eve-teasers or the need for a police station somewhere. But what stumped the Home Minister was a petition asking him to act tough on policemen with potbellies. The petitioner want the government to dismiss or take disciplinary action against unfit cops who, he felt, can neither get into their uniforms nor are able to give a chase to thieves or assailants. He even had some health tips — right from yoga, gymming and protein diet to monthly monitoring of weight — which he felt can improve policing. Was there a hidden message in it for the minister too?

Bommai brews a beer formula

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, a mechanical engineer by training, took the opportunity to showcase his knowledge on forests and wildlife during the Forest Martyrs' Day recently. Over tea with the officers, he went on narrating his experiences. While travelling from Mysuru to Haveri some time back, the chopper pilot lost course and flew over the Western Ghats. "Although I was initially apprehensive, it was bliss. The colours of nature was a celestial experience," he told them. Then he popped a question. "Do you know who discovered beer?" he asked the bemused officers, as they searched for answers. "Ages ago, some elephants came across some bamboo rice which had fermented in a puddle in the forest, and consumed it. After seeing the effect of the concoction on the animals, human beings learnt the art of brewing", he said on a lighter note.

Community bond trumps politics

In politics, ideologies may differ, but caste seems to be a binding force. The BJP and the Congress may be at two ends of the political spectrum, but that didn't stop Karkala MLA Sunil Kumar from seeking the blessings of Congress veteran Kagodu Thimmappa at the latter's residence in Sagar after he was sworn in as minister. Incidentally, both hail from the Billava community. Another Congress veteran, B Janardhana Poojary, too is believed to have had a soft corner for BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel. Here too, it is the Billava community connection at work. This prompted some to remark that perhaps both Thimmappa, who turned 90 recently, and Poojary, who is in his mid-80s, may be playing the role of 'Bheeshma' in modern-day politics. So, will Karnataka Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah soften his stand towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the days to come, as both hail from the backward class? If there's any such connection, nobody knows yet.

NEP was drafted during UPA rule, says Nagesh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Karwar

PRIMARY Education Minister B C Nagesh has hit out at Congress legislature party leader Siddaramaiah for his views on the National Education Policy (NEP).

Speaking to reporters at Bangaramakki village near Gerusoppa in Honnavar taluk, Uttara Kannada district, on Saturday evening, Nagesh said the draft of the policy was prepared by the Manmohan Singh government. "We are just implementing it," he said.

Siddaramaiah had recently said that the government implemented the policy from the current academic year without any discussion with students, teachers, education experts and the Opposition parties. "As long as Manmohan Singh was in power, the Congress had no problem with the NEP. Now that they are not in power, they call it an RSS agenda," he remarked. Stating that any education policy should be revised based on the prevailing circumstances, he said, "Even the Congress did the same. What is their complaint now? The Congress is behaving as if it is still in power. The party needs to understand that it is now in the opposition."

On reopening of schools for students of classes 1 to 5, he said a decision will be taken based on the advice of the technical advisory committee.

LENDING AN EAR

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai listens to grievances of people at the Janata Darshan programme outside his RT Nagar residence in Bengaluru on Sunday

Cong wants probe into Shrimant's 'cash offer' claim

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

A day after Kagwad MLA and former minister Shrimant Patil claimed that he was offered money by the BJP at the time of quitting the Congress in 2019, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president D K Shivakumar has demanded that the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ABC) register a suo motu case and probe the matter.

Speaking to the media at Congress Bhavan here on Sunday, Shivakumar said the Kagwad MLA has spoken the truth. "I congratulate him for bringing out the truth. The ACB officials in Bengaluru or Belagavi should register a suo-motu case and find out who offered money to him."

Taking a dig at the BJP, he said the saffron party leaders, who claim to provide clean governance, should now come out clean on Patil's charges. "Patil is a former BJP minister. He himself has revealed that money was offered to him to switch loyalties," Shivakumar added.

KPCC president DK Shivakumar addresses the media in Belagavi on Sunday. KPCC working president Satish Jarkiholi looks on | EXPRESS

Hitting out at the Union Government over rising fuel prices, Shivakumar said that the Congress leaders will reach Vidhana Soudha to attend the legislature session on Monday on bullock carts. "There are no signs of the Union and State governments making any effort to bring down the prices of essential commodities. Therefore, we have decided to protest against skyrocketing fuel prices by reaching the Soudha in bullock carts," he added.

On the change of guard in several BJP-ruled states, including Karnataka, Shivakumar said, "BJP CMs are being replaced owing to the bad administration of the Union Government. The Gujarat CM has resigned. BS Yediyurappa in Karnataka resigned with tears in his eyes," he said.

On the party's dismal performance in the recent polls to Belagavi City Corporation, Shivakumar said that a fact-finding committee from the Congress high-command will assess the results. "Our vote share in BCC polls has declined compared to the last Belagavi Lok Sabha bypolls. We accept our loss," he added.

Will talk to Patil, says Savadi

BELAGAVI: On Shrimant Patil's statement regarding the 'cash offer' by BJP leaders, former deputy CM Laxman Savadi on Sunday said that he will speak to Patil to find out who made the offer. Savadi said, "I have come to know about Patil's statement. I haven't met him in a long time. I will meet him and discuss the matter." Savadi further added that in politics, ministerial positions are not permanent. "There are 224 MLAs in the state and only 34 cabinet berths. Therefore, one should prove himself by working with dedication in the allotted portfolio," he said.

Govt to restart Grama Vastavya programme

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"IF there are anomalies in property documents, farmers, who are eligible for assistance, will not get Rs 6,000 from the Centre and Rs 4,000 from the state every year. They will also lose out on subsidies. I am trying to address these issues by simplifying the process," Ashoka said.

He said the ambitious Grama Vastavya programme, where deputy commissioners and other officials visit villages to redress issues of residents at their doorsteps will be started again. Though the progamme took off, it had to be stopped after the pandemic broke out, he added. "We are working out a proposal to reach old-age pension to the doorsteps of beneficiaries. This will benefit 30,000 pensioners. Another two lakh pensioners who are over 60 years old will automatically receive the money," he said.

If there are anomalies in property documents, farmers, who are eligible for assistance, will not get ₹6,000 from the Centre and ₹4,000 from the state every year. They will also lose out on subsidies. I am trying to address it by simplifying the process

R Ashoka, Revenue Minister

Migrant workers from Srikakulam, who were being allegedly ill-treated by their employers in Bahrain, are seeking the assistance of the Indian government to bring them back to their native places

PoP GOES GANESHA

Ganesha idols being immersed in Hussain Sagar lake in Hyderabad on Sunday. People immersed idols made of Plaster of Paris (PoP) in the lake, despite High Court orders against the practice, as there was no one to enforce the court's directions | RV K RAO

BJP for law against 'narcotic jihad'

Seeks Centre's protection for Pala bishop, Cong says drugs not linked to religious group

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ T'Puram/Kochi

THE controversy sparked by the 'love and narcotic jihad' remark of Pala Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt took a new turn with the BJP state leadership urging the Union government's intervention and seeking to bring a new law to tackle the issue. Congress, meanwhile, maintained the issue of liquor and drug mafia should not be foisted on a certain religious community.

BJP state general secretary George Kurian on Sunday wrote to Union Home Minister Amit Shah demanding protection for the bishop in the wake of protests by Muslim organisations.

"The bishop urged parents to be cautious and quoted former police chief Loknath Behera who said recently that Kerala is becoming the recruitment hub of terrorist organisations. The bishop's statement is a reflection of the insecurity among Christians and Hindus," Kurian said in his letter to Shah.

In Delhi, BJP spokesman Tom Vadakkan went a step further and asked the Centre to bring a law to deal with "narco-terrorism and love jihad". "The intervention by Bishop Joseph Kallarangatt of Pala, Kerala, during sacred worship, is not just a wake-up call for his dioceses, but it is the voice of the community who are victims of love jihad and narco-terrorism," Vadakkan said in a statement. Vadakkan alleged the Kerala government has not taken cognisance of the fact despite inputs from investigative agencies. He said the bishop council has raised the issue following inputs from devotees of different churches alleging that young girls are lured and they fall prey to "love jihad" and "later end up in foreign jails".

Senior Congress leader K Muraleedharan said his party was not attacking the bishop, but was only pointing out a mistake as the prevalence of liquor and drug mafia in the state should not be foisted upon a certain religious community. "This is where Congress has a difference of opinion with the bishop's remarks," said Muraleedharan, who added the party wants neither any communal disharmony in the state nor the Sangh Parivar to gain a foothold here.

Rare wildcat caught on cam in Tumakuru

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Davangere/Tumkuru

A RARE rusty-spotted cat (Prionailurus rubiginosus), one of the smallest members in the feline family, was spotted in the Devarayanadurga forests in Tumkur district recently. Listed as an endangered species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, the diminutive wild cat was spotted and photographed by wildlife researcher Vipin Roy while moving in the forest looking for snakes in the wee hours of Wednesday.

The animal, often referred to as the 'hummingbird of the cat family', can grow to 35-48 cm (14-18 in) in body length and weigh around 0.9 to 1.6 kg. It feeds on feed on birds, rodents, lizards, frogs, snakes, and insects. The species is included in the IUCN red-list. Fragmented populations of the cat occur in India and Sri Lanka and the cat is affected by loss and destruction of its prime habitat - dry deciduous forest, scrub grassland and rocky areas.

Vipin Roy said that the smallest cat is nocturnal (active at night) and spends its days in hollow logs and trees. Being a good climber helps it to escape from predators. He said that there are records of this cat being killed by locals when it attacks poultry and also sometimes mistakenly identified as leopard cubs.

"We were on a routine wildlife study. At around 2 am on Wednesday, the cat was sighted on a tree. It vanished in a flash as it is very shy in nature."

HIGHWAY TRAGEDY

EIGHT DIE IN CHIKKABALLAPUR ROAD ACCIDENT

The mangled remains of the jeep in which the victims were travelling when it was rammed by a goods vehicle on Madanpalle-Chinthamani Road

V VELAYUDHAM @Chikkaballapur

EIGHT people lost their lives when a goods vehicle rammed their jeep near Madikere Cross of Madanpalli-Chinthamani Road near here on Sunday. While five of the passengers died on the spot, three others succumbed at the hospital. Kencharlahalli Police have arrested the driver of the canter vehicle.

Seventeen people, including the driver and two children, were travelling in the ill-fated jeep. Central Range Inspector General of Police M Chandrashekar visited the spot. He said that the injured were admitted to the Kolar SNR Hospital and some shifted to Bengaluru.

Chikkaballapur Superintendent of Police G K Mithun Kumar said that jeep was being reportedly used for passenger trips.

The deceased have been identified as Munirathnaiah, Narayanaswamy, Ramesh (driver) and Venkatalakshmma. The names of the remaining victims are yet to be known, he said.

The passengers were from Srinivasapura, Chinthamani and other places and had boarded the jeep at different places. Following the accident, many people rushed to the spot as well as the hospital to check if their relatives are among the victims.

Srinivasapura MLA and former Speaker Ramesh Kumar, Malur MLA K Y Nanje Gowda and Chinthamani MLA J Krishna Reddy visited the spot.

The incident took place at a spot where a part of the road is under-construction. According to locals, it is quite common to see jeeps being used for passenger trips and the RTO never took any action for overloading, or to check the vehicles.

19-yr-old kills self over NEET fear

EXPRESS NEWS SERVIVE
@ Salem/Chennai/Tirunelveli

A 19-YEAR-OLD medical aspirant from Salem ended his life hours before NEET on Sunday, reportedly for fear of not clearing the exam. Condoling his death, Chief Minister MK Stalin said the legal fight against NEET will continue and that the State Assembly will pass a bill on Monday, seeking permanent exemption for Tamil Nadu students from appearing for the national entrance exam for medical courses.

In a statement, he said: "Both city and rural students are facing difficulties in clearing NEET. The Union government does not understand the problems that NEET causes to students. Various issues, including NEET exam fraud, questionnaire leak, impersonation, and student suicides, have not changed the mind of the Union government."

The CM hoped to bring the attention of other States to the bill the Assembly would pass on Monday and mobilise their support. He asserted that the legal struggle will continue until the Union government scraps NEET and advised students to not take any extreme step.

The deceased, S Dhanush, son of Shivakuamr, a farmer and a resident of Koozhaiyur near Mettur in Salem, appeared for NEET in 2019 and 2020 and secured 222 and 424 respectively; he, however, could not get a medical seat. So, he applied for the NEET, scheduled for Sunday and was allotted an exam centre at Mecheri. But, he was reportedly depressed about appearing for the exam, anxious whether he would succeed. Dhanush belonged to the MBC category.

"Around 8 pm on Saturday, he got my signature on the hall ticket and said he was ready for the exam. He also said he will reach the exam centre on his bike. He was seen preparing for the exam till 2 am. But, his grandmother Alamedu (Sivakumar's mother) found him dead around 3.30 am on Sunday," Dhanush's father Sivakumar told *TNIE*.

TRAINS CANCELLED

Bengaluru: The South Western Railway has decided to cancel two pairs of trains due to poor patronage from Tuesday. The trains are: KSR Bengaluru-Hosapete Express Special, scheduled from KSR Bengaluru from September 14, and Hospete-KSR Bengaluru Express Special from Hosapete from September 15; Hosapete-Harihar Passenger Special scheduled from Hosapete on September 14 and Harihar-Hosapete Passenger Special from Harihar from September 15. **ENS**

EXPRESS READ

2 held with 3 kg ganja leaves in Bengaluru

Bengaluru: The Kaggalipura police have arrested two drug peddlers and seized 3 kg of ganja leaves worth Rs 4 lakh. A special team nabbed them near Ramanagara on Saturday. The accused are Chetan R of Kengeri, and Druvaraj M, of Thataguni village. A police officer said, "The accused were caught with the help of Gram Panchayat staffers, who noticed a group of four men suspiciously carrying two gunny bags around. Two of the suspects escaped, while Druvaraj, and Chetan, were taken into custody." **ENS**

Navy sailor, man foil woman's suicide bid

Kochi: A naval sailor and a Kochi resident rescued a 26-year-old woman who jumped off Venduruthy bridge to end her life here on Sunday. Sailor Anand Kumar and Rajesh P G of Kochi, who were passing through the bridge, risked their lives to rescue Alappuzha native Akshama Pradeep. Akshama reached the bridge around 1.50pm and jumped into the backwater. "Anand and Rajesh saw her and jumped after her," said a Navy spokesperson. Despite the strong undercurrent, the duo managed to prevent Akshama from drifting into the sea. **ENS**

2 minors have narrow escape as LPG leaks

Bengaluru: A LPG leak at a commercial gas refilling shop in Kalasipalya on Saturday evening rendered two boys unconscious. Faizan (14) and Riyan (15) are recovering at Victoria Hospital. A senior police officer said the boys, who were playing near the shop, went inside and pushed a button which caused the gas to leak out and spread through the shop. Meanwhile, a small fire broke out. Residents rescued the boys and alerted police. A case of negligence has been registered against shopowner Imran. **ENS**

Shivamogga quarry blast: Identity of sixth victim established after 7 months

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Shivamogga

SEVEN-and-half-months after a blast near a stone crusher at Kallaganguru in Shivamogga district, the identity of the sixth deceased person has finally been established. The deceased has been identified as Shashi alias Devendrappa (32), an autorickshaw driver from Bhadravathi.

Police officials stated in a release on Sunday that the state Forensic Science Laboratory in Bengaluru, which examined the body parts found on the blast site, established the identity of the deceased on Friday.

A huge cache of explosives exploded near SS Crusher on survey number two at around 10.20 pm on January 21, and killed six people.

The Shivamogga Rural police had registered the case under IPC Section 286 (Negligent conduct with respect to explosive substance), 304 (Punishment for culpable homicide not amounting to murder) and section 9B of the Explosives Act, 1884. This section pertains to manufacture, import or export of any explosive and possession, use, selling or transportation of the explosive.

The police also booked the case under section five of the Explosive Substances Act, 1908. This section pertains to the punishment for making or possessing explosives under suspicious circumstances.

The identity of the five deceased were established within a few days after the blast.

Cops suspect rival's role in murder

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ARAVIND had been detained by the Bharathi Nagar police under the Goonda Act in May and was released two months ago. The advisory board which approves detention under the Act had given him relief as there were no sufficient grounds to detain him under Goonda Act.

The police investigating the case suspect the role of another rowdy-sheeter Stanley behind Aravind's murder. Sources said Stanley, also a rowdy sheeter in Bharathi Nagar, had an ongoing enmity with Aravind.

Meanwhile, KSFA Secretary Satyanarayan clarified that neither the deceased nor the killers had any connection with the association.

Police visit the Bangalore Football Stadium in Ashoknagar on Sunday

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The Borrower/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors and public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this notice.

Loan Account Number	Borrower/s/ Co-borrower/s & Guarantors Name	Description Of The Mortgaged Properties	Demand Notice		Date And Type Of Possession Taken
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14329297 & 23691183	1. Dastagir M 2. Kulsimbi Babaiah	**All The Piece And Parcel Of The Property Consisting Of** The Property Bearing Bbmp Katha New No. 3815/3492/34/1/5, Old Site No.5, Measuring East To West 40 Feet And North To South 30 Feet, Formed At Survey No.34/1, Situated At Valagere Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bounded As: **East: 30 Feet Road, West: Property Bearing Site No.7, North: Property Bearing Site No.6, South: Property Bearing Site No.4**	11-04-2021	Rs. 41,99,781.64/-	08-09-2021 Symbolic Possession
14250543 & 23253497	1. Mr. Nithesh S 2. Mrs. Nagamma Lingachar	**All The Piece And Parcel Of The Property Consisting Of** Property Bearing Bbmp Katha No. 1959/1149/399, Old Site No. 128, Measuring East To West 40 Feet And North To South 30 Feet, Situated At Gottigere Village, B Register No. 2687/75/26, Sy. No. 25/6, Katha No. 75/2, Yelchenahallivillage, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Tauk, Bangalore - 560078 And Bounded By As Following: **East: Road, West: Site No. 136, North: Site No. 127, South: Site No. 129.**	17-04-2021	Rs. 18,02,615.18/-	08-09-2021 Symbolic Possession
16647761	1. Shivamma Yella Bhovi 2. Karthik T N	**All The Piece And Parcel Of The Property Consisting Of** Property Bearing Extract Of E. Swathu Katha No.133/126/9, Old Site No. 9, Property No.150200301500321166, Measuring East To West 40 Feet And North To South 30 Feet, Formed In Residentially Converted Land Bearing Survey No.159/1a, Situated At Taralu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, And Bounded As: **North: Property Bearing Site No.8, South: Property Bearing Site No.10, East: Private Propety, West: Road**	19-04-2021	Rs. 11,27,070.07/-	08-09-2021 Symbolic Possession
16750916	1. Mr. Venkatesh P 2. Mrs. Venkatalakshmi T	**All The Piece And Parcel Of The Property Consisting Of** Property Beaaring Shop/Unit No. 10, Bearing Bbmp Katha No. 15-304, Pid No. 62-15-304, Measuring 123 Sq. Ft Of Super Built Up Area At Ground Floor Of The "Saphire" (F) Block Of The Building At The Project Known As "Wilson Manor" Alongwith 191 Sq Ft Of Undivided Share Of Right, Title And Interest In The Land With A Car Parking Space At The Basement Of The Building. Constructed On The Property Bearing No. 15, Measuring East To West (182+168.2)/2 Feet And North To South (61.78+87.13)/2 Feet, Situated At Arekempanahalli, Hombegowda Nagar, Bangalore Comprising Of Building Bounded On : **West : Private Properties, East : Someshwarampuram &Cross Road In The Remaining Portion Of Sy No. 11/3, North: Private Properties &13th Cross Road & Another Road, South : Remaining Portion Of Survey No. 11/3, Presently Nimhans.**	20-04-2021	Rs. 14,35,010.74/-	08-09-2021 Symbolic Possession
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12181766	1. Mr. Nagaraj P 2. Mrs. Asha M	**All The Piece And Parcel Of The Property Consisting Of** Property bearing BBMP Katha No. 6/Sy. No. 1, measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, formed in land bearing survey no. 1,of Pillaganahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, comprising of Ground Floors Building, bounded as: **North- Property belongs to Mr. Nagaraj, South-Vacant Land, East-Property belongs to Mr. Thanappa, West-Road**	17-04-2021	Rs. 22,81,913.62/-	08-09-2021 Symbolic Possession
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— Ramnath Goenka

POWER BACK WITH PATIDARS AS BJP RESETS GUJARAT LEADERSHIP

Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani's resignation validates a scoop by a news portal at the height of the first wave of Covid, on his impending exit. Yet, the state government shockingly sought to silence the Gujarati portal's editor by hauling him up for sedition. A year later, Rupani suddenly put in his papers. With Assembly polls a little over a year away, the BJP played it safe, choosing first-time MLA Bhupendra Patel, a member of the influential Patidar community, as his successor.

In August, Rupani completed five years in office, having taken over as chief minister from Anandiben Patel, who had to leave under similar circumstances because of mishandling the Patidar unrest. Five years is a long time in politics, more so as CM, to prove ability to retain power in a state that has been in the BJP's pocket for decades. Rupani apparently didn't inspire confidence, overwhelmed as his administration was by the Covid outbreak. A series of adverse orders of the Gujarat High Court on pandemic handling further hobbled his leadership. And his attempts at perception management were pathetic. Political survival after the colossal loss of lives with hospitals starved of oxygen, despite being an industrially advanced state where the life-saving gas is manufactured, is extremely difficult unless the leadership has the ability to fight it out and script a spectacular turnaround. Rupani was seen as a softie with little stomach for a robust fightback. With his departure, the state BJP hopes to shake off anti-incumbency and begin afresh. He is the fourth CM the BJP changed in as many states for different reasons. Rupani's resignation also comes at a time when the opposition Congress is in disarray. The AAP is trying to eat into the grand old party's base, making an impressive mark in the local body elections held earlier this year.

Being chief minister of a state once led by Narendra Modi is not easy as he set a high benchmark for leadership. Yet, Bhupendra Patel has to safeguard the Modi legacy while hitting the road running. He has to change the floundering administration's image to that of a doer. A word of regret instead of brazening it out for harassing the journalist who was doing his job could set the tone for the reset.

JUST TOO MUCH CRICKET

One of the hardest things to do during a raging pandemic is play elite sport. Air travel, border issues, quarantine, isolation, specific rules ... teams have to keep an eye on all of the above while training and performing at an acceptable level. The mental strain cannot be quantified. Some sports and/or countries, instead of putting all their athletes in bubble life, have tried to place them in an environment that's called 'managed living'. Even if their freedoms aren't total, they are allowed to do a number of things open to wider society. Yet, 'managed living' is only a euphemism. Once Covid enters that territory, it can very quickly have a domino effect. That 'freedom' can quickly evaporate into another endless cycle of testing, quarantine, isolation, etc. This is what the Indian team feared when they wrote that letter, emphasising their reluctance to play in the fifth Test at Manchester. The BCCI was contractually obligated to play it but once the players felt the way they did, that was not going to happen. Thankfully, both the boards agreed and common sense prevailed. But this is a great opportunity for all member boards and the ICC to have a rethink about the global calendar. There is just too much cricket on show. Take for instance, the Indian team. They have already served two months of quarantine since cricket resumed but are already in another hard quarantine ahead of the IPL, the cash cow partly responsible for a calendar that is increasingly unsustainable.

It's not just the IPL but other T20 leagues as well that have asked a bit too much of the players in an already unforgiving environment. This madness will go beyond the next two months. Apart from numerous bilateral tours, there is another IPL edition in 2022 as well as one more T20 World Cup next year. While Dawid Malan, the No. 1 men's T20 batter today, and a few others have turned their backs on the IPL, most cricketers can't afford to do that. If we don't listen to cricketers' bodies, there may soon be a time when all of them will be jaded with not much creativity left in their game. The only way to prevent another cricketer from walking out is to ensure that the players are well protected by the system. Right now, the system is failing them.

The question of Myanmar's seat will be voted on in the upcoming UNGA session. While the military regime controls the state, the opposing side represents the will of the people

MYANMAR AND A VACANT SEAT IN THE UN

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This week on September 14, the United Nations General Assembly will hold its 75th session during which the question of Myanmar's seat at the UNGA will be debated and voted on. Following the coup d'etat that took place on 1 February 2021, the question of international legitimacy to the military government led by General Min Aung Hlaing still remains a matter of controversy. This is due to the fact that the overthrown National Unity Government and the military remain in a state of conflict with recent calls by the NUG for the political opposition and protestors to continue a revolution against the junta regime. Interestingly this year's UNGA will see debates relating not just to Myanmar, but also over the seat of Afghanistan following the Taliban takeover in mid-August.

This debate over a vacant seat at the UNGA is not entirely new. Similar debates have been held over Afghanistan in 1996 following the Taliban coming to power. Cambodia too has faced the debate of the seat at the UNGA twice—first following the 1979 overthrow of the Khmer Rouge after the Vietnamese intervention, the UNGA decided to retain the seat for the Khmer Rouge and subsequently recognised an alliance of ousted Cambodian parties, the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea. Later in 1997, when the Hun Sun government overthrew the alliance partner headed by Prince Ranariddh following the 1997 coup d'etat, the debate over the Cambodian seat re-emerged. The task of recommending the credentials of a country for the occupation of the UNGA seat is done through a smaller committee comprising nine members, which is called the Credentials Committee within the UN. Normally the ruling group from within the state that seeks to act as the political representative presents its credentials to this Committee, similar to the presentation of credentials when two countries are engaged in diplomatic ties. In the case of the Credentials Committee itself, there is a critical faultline that needs to be understood. Within the Committee, the dynamics are already set in such a way that contesting sides are represented by global powers—the US, China and Russia—which are its members. While the US has strongly opposed the coup d'etat and categorically refused to recognise the government led by General Min Aung Hlaing, both China and Russia have given recognition to the military junta's State Administration Council (SAC), setting the space for no compromises on either side.

Both the ruling and opposing sides can present their claims to represent the state and in Myanmar's case, this is further complicated by the democratic vote that the NUG represents. The controlling authority of the state offers its credentials, which are examined and then presented to the UNGA. In the case of countries where the question of political representation is contested as with Myanmar, the debate over rightful representation becomes critical as it seeks to address the issue of giving international legitimacy to the authority in control of the state. A matter that will create further complexity in the context of Myanmar is the issue of control over territory and population—both these currently are with the military regime, which gives it an advantage vis-a-vis the unity government. So while the NUG represents the will of the people, the SAC has control over the state—bringing to the forefront the critical dilemma of the UN's inability to address matters that fall into the purview of domestic issues. This weakness of the UN evolves from within the Charter itself as it precludes the organisation's ability to interfere in domestic matters, limiting the ability to implement change from outside.

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One of the foremost challenges for the UN in this context is how to evaluate the ground realities within Myanmar, especially when the military regime has overthrown a democratically elected government that won the general elections in November 2020. In the aftermath of the coup d'etat, the Myanmarese ambassador to the UN, Kyaw Moe Tun, categorically condemned the military coup. He asked the international community to deny recognition to the military leadership, unequivocally call for the reversal of the coup and recognise the democratically elected government. This was an unprecedented move by Myanmar's UN envoy and publicly led to a diplomatic standoff in May 2021 when the SAC sent its representative stating that the former Myanmarese representative had violated his role in the UN.

Following this, in June 2021, the UNGA passed a resolution that had two significant aspects to it. First it clearly called for the military to recognise the political will of the people of Myanmar as expressed in the November 2020 vote. Second, it also emphasised the need to ensure that other nations do not continue trading in arms with Myanmar's military as this could be used against the protesting civilian population within the country. However, the weakness of any UNGA resolution is that these are non-binding and there are no mechanisms for their implementation, which has been evident through various issues in UNGA's history. The debate for the UN seat will critically impact the context of international legitimacy for the military government. Given the complexity of the domestic dynamics, keeping the seat vacant sends a clear message that the military coup cannot be endorsed while putting pressure on the junta to move towards some form of national reconciliation.

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THE CULTURE OF WATER IN INDIA

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Puri becomes the first city in India to provide quality drinking water in taps' was the headline in most media outlets recently. Everyone congratulated the Odisha government and rightly so. Puri is one of the most visited destinations in the country. The visiting population ends up using packaged water both due to availability as well as safety reasons—perceived or real. It almost seems like a dream to drink straight from the tap, at least in most urban areas.

The news took me back to my student days in the 1980s and till the mid-1990s, when we used to travel across the country in trains. We ate what was sold at the stations. We filled our water bottles or clay *Surahis* at railway stations, without ever worrying about the quality of water. Bottled water was not yet ubiquitous, nor was the pollution it created glaring at us everywhere. Do we realise that just about 25-30 years ago, we trusted the tap water across the country? We had no second thoughts or doubts while drinking from taps at most places. Tap water not being safe was an exception rather than the other way round. What happened in these two-three decades that we cannot consume tap water without passing it through multiple filtering and purifying machines? It has become one of the biggest selling commodities.

Flip the news and you see that what was freely available till sometime ago has been reduced to just one city and that too after considerable effort. Is it a problem we have created by polluting the sources of water? Or, it is a problem that is profitable to have as it feeds many industries like packaged water, water purifiers, water tankers, to name a few.

How is it that our regions with maximum rainfalls fall short of drinking water in summers? The same goes for our coastal regions with so many rivers flowing close to them. There cannot be deficiency of water with so many rivers and ample rains. It has to be our inability to store and manage the water we so generously receive. Why are we still not studying places like Mandu that had one of the best local water management systems? Imagine a densely populated city on top of a hill with no natural source of water, storing the rainwater in a way that they could even afford swimming pools. Why are we not restoring our thousands of stepwells and temple tanks to store water as well as recharge groundwater? There are some sporadic efforts in some places, but they are mostly individual efforts, appreciable but not enough.

How is it that our homes in urban areas are relying on those operating water tankers, who magically have access to water they can sell, while our agencies cannot supply the same despite all the resources in their control? Have we thought about the ecological cost of transporting water in tankers? How does a corporate organisation manage to distribute packaged water to remotest corners of the country through a small but focussed network? They are essentially selling our water to us after the basic purification process, by creating a demand that should not exist in the first place if things worked the way they should.

> What was freely available till sometime ago—tap water safe to drink—is now present in just one city, Puri, and that too after considerable effort. Is it a problem we have created by polluting the sources of water? Or is it a problem that is profitable to have as it feeds many industries? ... Have we forgotten our sacred bond with water as one of the five primordial elements in our universe?

I am reminded of different *Piaus* or water pots that still pop up in the hinterlands of north India during summers. Making water available to the thirsty is considered the best way to collect good karma. It is not uncommon to see people personally offering water. In Punjab, it goes further in the form of *Chhabeel*, where *sharbat* or juices are offered to travellers who are out in the sun. Similar traditions are followed across the country. To me, this is the most beautiful part of Indian culture. Our great grandmothers may have been shocked at the fact that we sell water in plastic bottles, at prices comparable to milk in upmarket areas.

Have we forgotten our sacred bond with water, as a nurturer and as one of the five primordial elements in our universe? We wash off worshipping our waterbodies as superstition or obsolete practices. Little do we realise that they help us create a bond and respect for the water that is at the core of our existence. Most of us would struggle to name the source from where our drinking water comes.

In other news, Indore, Hyderabad, Surat, Visakhapatnam and a few more places got certified as Water Plus cities. My natural instinct was to believe that these cities have more water than they need. Having lived in Hyderabad, it did seem a tall claim. A bit of reading informed me that it actually means that the city is able to dispose of its waste water responsibly, including recycling and reusing at least 30% of it. As part of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, cities have to make sure sewage water is not going to rivers and other sources of drinking water.

I hope one day our cities would be 'Water Plus' in the real sense, when we would learn to respect water and consume less than what we receive through rivers or rains.

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Journalist vindicated

When Dhaval Patel, editor at a Gujarati web portal, had predicted a change of leadership in that state, he was slapped with a sedition case and ultimately forced to tender an apology. He has since left the country. Now after more than a year, he stands vindicated as Vijay Rupani had to step down to make way for a more dynamic leader in order to prepare the BJP for Assembly polls due in December 2022. The BJP is also gradually moving towards politics practiced by the Congress as far as changing chief ministers is concerned. It is surprising to note that Narendra Modi's successors have been unable to sustain his performance and forced to resign before polls ever since.

Govardhana Myneedu, Vijayawada

Non-politicos as ministers

This is with reference to *No Jai Jai for India in Taliban obsessed world* (Sep 12). Non-politicians holding ministerial portfolios can do well provided they are given freedom to achieve the set target. An example was Dr Manmohan Singh as FM from 1991 to 96 thanks to Narasimha Rao's wisdom. The same Dr Singh as prime minister was a damp squib as he was remote-controlled by many vested interests. S Jaishankar seems to be fitting the bill and any inadequacies will be taken care of depending on the seriousness of the situation.

Venkat Desikan, Chennai

Strengthen foreign ministry

The author has rightly analysed and pointed out the current state of affairs of Indian diplomacy. The Taliban is a real threat not only to India but to the entire world. It is high time India leads and play a major role in the fight against terrorism and for this, it has to win the support of nations around the world. In this crucial juncture, we have to strengthen our external affairs ministry and review our foreign policy if required, as we cannot compromise when it comes to the nation's security.

Jayachandran Thoovat, Sultan Bathery

Power and peace of mind

Everything comes with a price, be it the 'royal rich' who have staff to iron their shoe laces or the anonymous poor who have to worry where their next meal will come from (*Miseries of poverty, not pleasures*, Sep 12). The beauty of creation is that there is a levelling factor in every situation. Very few can say they are totally content with their lives. If one has power and money, the other may have peace of mind and vice-versa. Whether rich or poor, ultimately it is what we make of our lives and what impact it has on others that count.

Elizabeth Koshy, Pathanamthitta

Right to sit a huge relief

The DMK government in Tamil Nadu deserves appreciation for tabling a Bill that mandates shops and establishments, especially textile showrooms and jewellery shops, to provide seating facilities to their salespersons. For years, people working there have been undergoing a lot of strain in the absence of seating arrangements, and the new Bill for their 'right to sit' comes as a huge relief.

R Sivakumar, Chennai

Protection from monopolies

This is with reference to *Beware of emergence of monopolies* (Sep 9). While interests of smaller players need to be protected by proper policy intervention by the Centre, even duopolies could be tolerated if the customer is king. But often that's not the case as the customer is left with fewer options. The online giants Amazon and Flipkart are just one example. Monopoly or competition, the government has the duty and right to save society from being at the receiving end of market forces.

P Mangalachandran, Kannur

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
The development of the BJP government is such that the difference between Sunday and Monday has ended. If there is no job, then what is Sunday?

Mahua Moitra @MahuaMoitra
Thuggy Yogi in his UP ads with Kolkata's MAA flyover, our JW Marriot and our iconic yellow taxis. Change your soul or atleast change your ad agency!

Subramanian Swamy @Swamy39
He got it wrong. He can make mistakes as he did when he said India would double GDP in five years to $5 trillion. It requires a GDP rate of 14.8% per year.

Patidar factor and spotless image

New Gujarat CM a surprise choice, but BJP is banking on him to deliver for multiple reasons

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

THE 59-year-old Bhupendra Rajnikant Patel, the first Ahmedabadi chief minister of Gujarat, is a first-time MLA, first-time minister and first Kadva Patel to take the top seat. The selection surprised everyone, including Patel and his family as well.

When the news broke, Patel was seated in the fourth row of the BJP legislature party meeting. His family got the news from the media. The entire process of sacking Vijay Rupani and promoting Patel was full of surprises and shocking elements.

Devanshi Patel, daughter-in-law of Gujarat's new chief minister, said their Diwali has come early. "It's a complete surprise for our family," she said. Patel is known as Dada, which means elder brother, among his relatives and friends. He is also a diehard devotee of Bhagwan Dada — a spiritual leader in Gujarat. Soon after his elevation to the top post, Patel visited the temple of Bhagwan Dada on Sunday evening.

A civil engineer by qualification and builder by profession, Patel started his political career as a corporator in the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation in 2008. He was vice-chairman of the School Board of Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation from 2008-10 and standing committee chairman from 2010-15. He was chairman of Ahmedabad Urban Development Authority from 2015-17. After his corporation tenure, in the 2017 state polls, Patel surprisingly got a BJP ticket. Former CM Anandiben Patel was planning to field her daughter in her place from the Ghatlodia constituency, but BJP surprisingly chose Patel at the 11th hour. He won by a record margin of more than one lakh votes. This constituency is dominated by the Patidar community.

Patel is known as a soft-spoken, mild-natured and down to earth person. There are no corruption charges against him. His elections affidavit also has no mention of any criminal cases against him. Patel has ₹5.19 crore in assets while ₹69 crore in liabilities. The new chief minister owns a modest Hundai I 20 car, while his spouse owns a Honda Active two-wheeler. Urban face of the BJP, he will now be the main face of the party for the 2022 Assembly polls.

"Bhupendra Patel has no experience as a minister, but this clean image is the plus point. It will be difficult for political rivals to attack and criticise him. BJP wanted to come out from the horror of 2017, when it failed to touch three digits due to the Patidar agitations. Now, a Patidar is the CM. It will be difficult for AAP and Congress to counter BJP," said a senior Gujarat journalist.

The government has worked well so that development reaches the last person. We will plan anew and discuss with the organisation to take forward the development works

Bhupendra Patel, Gujarat CM-designate

Soft-spoken civil engineer

Known as a soft-spoken person, Patel is a civil engineer by qualifiction and builder by profession. In the 2017 Assembly polls, he won by a record margin of over 1 lakh votes from Ghatlodia constituency. Called Dada in close circles, Patel is also a devotee of Bhagwan Dada, a spiritual leader from Gujarat. Soon after becoming the chief minister, he visited a temple of Bhagwan Dada

Reset to keep leaders on their toes and energise grassroots-level workers

MANISH ANAND @New Delhi

THE BJP's post-pandemic leadership reset is marked by the decisions made in Gujarat, Karnataka and Uttarakhand. Age of the new chief ministers in these states is 59, 61, and 45, respectively. All three are proteges of state stalwarts. The reset bell is likely to ring in more states where BJP is in power, with a message that the leadership is looking at alternatives to energise the cadre wherever inertia has set in.

Bhupendra Patel, a first term MLA, is known to be an understudy of former Gujarat Chief Minister Anandiben Patel. Basavaraj Bommai, Chief Minister of Karnataka, is seen as a protege of his predecessor BS Yediyurappa. Pushkar Singh Dhami, Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, was groomed by state veteran Bhagat Singh Koshyari. The common thread in the three states is the decision to cut to size prospects of dissent among senior state leaders. That the incumbents enjoy the blessings of the former satraps reduces scope for senior aspirants to play spoiler.

Also, the state leadership reset mantra is seen to be heavily drawing from the lessons learnt in Chhattishgarh and Rajasthan, where BJP is struggling to stand on its feet after Assembly election defeats. BJP strategists argue that the unequivocal endorsement of the leadership of Raman Singh in Chhattishgarh and Vasundhara Raje in Rajasthan only gave the saffron outfit leadership drought in the two states. Thus, the reset formula seeks to ignite the dreams of the party workers to nurse aspirations, and aim even for the post of the chief ministers and Union ministers, which will help the party shrug off inertia, which was blamed for the ouster of the NDA in the 2004 Lok Sabha elections. That will also offer a rich harvest of new leadership is the underlying theme of this reset programme.

No inertia, complacency

BJP does not want complacency and inertia. The reset formula seeks to ignite the dreams of party workers and help them aspire. After three states, there is a chance that this will happen in other places also

Now that the reset clock has begun moving with elements of swiftness and surprise, incumbent chief ministers of the states ruled by the BJP may begin examining their prospects and take stock of the prevailing political situations, said a senior BJP functionary. He added that 60 years could become an informal ceiling for chief ministers from the saffron ranks, along with the possibility of shuffling at regular intervals to groom a basket of leadership in states remaining alive.

The leadership reset attempt of the BJP's high command is not just limited to the states. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, too, had drafted in a number of new ministers in the Cabinet in a post-pandemic adjustment recently.

DROWN TOWN DEVA

A Ganesha idol in settings reflecting the waterlogged streets of Mumbai after a spell of heavy shower | PTI

J&K MP wants Centre to start 'peace offensive'

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

WITH security officials concerned over possible effects of the changes in Afghanistan in militancy-hit Jammu and Kashmir, National Conference MP Justice (retd) Hasnain Masoodi has advised the Centre to launch a "peace offensive" to prevent any impact of the Taliban.

Talking to this newspaper, Masoodi said, "The Centre should launch a peace offensive in J&K. It should go for dialogue, respect the wishes and aspirations of J&K people and restore the rights of people. The Centre should restore the August 5, 2019 Constitutional position of J&K."

On Taliban takeover of Afghanistan, the MP said, "In Afghanistan, it is not a mere change of power, it is a huge ideological shift with a new approach and mindset. It is likely to have an impact not only there, but it will have underground rumblings in many parts of the world".

He said since J&K is already a hot spot, there may be some spill over of what is happening in Afghanistan. "People are alienated and there is a big gulf. When PM Modi talks Dil ki Doori, it means there exists a Doori (gulf). The government has made the ground fertile for germination of seeds. They said things are normal but that is not the case".

Masoodi said after Article 370 revocation, the government gave an impression that people in J&K were living in the Stone Age. "They are giving wrong information to the country. Development cannot be anything by itself unless you address the aspirations of people. Peace and development go hand in hand. We want development with dignity and one cannot have dignity unless you restore the rights of people."

Told that the Centre has been saying Article 370 won't be restored, Masoodi said, "We hope it will be."

Sub-inspector in Srinagar falls to bullets fired by militants

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Srinagar

SUB-INSPECTOR Arshid Ashraf Mir of Jammu and Kashmir Police was killed on Sunday by militants in Khanyar area of downtown Srinagar. The militant attack has been caught on CCTV.

A police official said a militant fired from a pistol from close range from behind towards Ashraf Mir at around 1.40 pm. The police officer collapsed to the ground after receiving two bullet injuries. He was moved to Sheri Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) Soura, where he succumbed to the injuries.

No arrests were reported when the police and CRPF rushed to launch a search operation to track down the militants responsible for the attack. The attack captured on CCTV footage went viral on social media. In the clip, a militant can be seen firing at the police officer from very close range from behind. It is the second militant attack in Srinagar in the last three days. On Friday, a CRPF jawan and a woman were injured in a grenade attack in Chanapora area.

Meanwhile, Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbagh Singh said the perpetrators involved in the attack have been identified and will be brought to justice. Talking to reporters at the wreath laying ceremony of the deceased at District Police Lines Srinagar, the DGP said investigating agencies and special teams are at work. "Soon, we will be able to crack it." He, however, refused to name the militant group involved in the attack. "There are dozens of militant modules in J&K."

Varun writes to Yogi to engage farmers in talks

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@New Delhi

KEEPING up his vocal stance, BJP MP Varun Gandhi on Sunday wrote to Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanatah with a slew of demands for the farmers in the state.

The Member of Parliament from Pilibhit had previously argued that the agitating farmers who held a mahapanchayat in Muzaffarnagar be engaged in talks, while also showing his disapproval of a bureaucrat in a viral video from Haryana who was seen calling upon the police to sternly deal with the agitating farmers.

Gandhi in the letter has also sought that the PM Kisan Nidhi instalment of ₹6,000 per year to the farmers be doubled, with the state contributing the additional amount from its kitty.

Gandhi has said the state assisted price (SAP) of sugarcane should be increased to ₹400 a quintal in line with the demands of the sugarcane growers in the state. He has also sought that there should be a mechanism for the procurement of sugarcane by the sharecroppers also. Seeking ₹200 per quintal bonus on the procurement of paddy and wheat, Gandhi has also said that arrangements of procuring all the produces of the farmers be ensured in UP.

He has also stressed in the letter that farmers are facing the stress of increased electricity costs in rural parts of the state, which should on priority be reduced. Gandhi also flagged the issue of stray cattle, saying that crops are damaged for which the state needs to address the issue.

Rival farmer union not against political activities

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chandigarh

IT seems there is difference of opinion between the Bhartiya Kisan Union (Ugrahan), the largest farmer union of Punjab, and 32 other farmer unions over early campaigning for the Assembly elections in the state. Ugrahan is saying it will not stop the programmes of political parties in the villages but will persuade the people not to attend them.

Talking to this newspaper, Sukhdev Singh, general secretary of BKU, said "Our union will not stop the programmes of political parties in the villages, but will ask people not to attend their rallies because attending these programs may lead to groupism among the farmers at the village level. If that happens, the BJP government will gain from our differences."

He said there will be no end to opposing the BJP. "We will oppose BJP and not allow them to enter the villages at all," he said and added that their union was not part of the recent meeting of the 32 unions of Punjab in which it was decided that political parties cannot do early campaigning in Punjab.

Singh said, "We have requested the parties not to do electioneering now as it will be considered anti-farmer and divert attention from the farmers' stir. They should do it once the Election Commission notifies the Assembly polls."

All 32 farmers unions, after a meeting with representatives of the parties, said early campaigning would be considered anti-farmer. Other than BJP, all parties were invited. SAD and Congress said they would get back after discussing this with their top leadersship.

1.14 lakh hectares
Area under apple cultivation

2.50 cr boxes
(each box 25 kg)
Production in 2020

3-3.5 cr boxes
Expected production in 2021

6-10 lakh MT
Annual production in Himachal

18-25 lakh MT
Annual production in J&K

STATE-WIDE PROTESTS TODAY BY HIMACHAL APPLE GROWERS

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

DUE to a surge in the production of apples in Himachal Pradesh, the price of the fruit has fallen diacritically this year. It's price is ranging from ₹12 to ₹74 per kilo.

Apple growers are upset with the state government. They have formed the Sanyukt Kisan Manch (SKM). On Monday, they will stage a state-wide protest. If demands are not met, a bigger protest is planned for September 27. It is after 31 years that apple growers of Himachal are protesting, perhaps inspired by farmers of Punjab and Haryana.

Talking to this daily, Harish Chauhan, convenor of SKM, said there are 1.20 lakh apple grower families across the hill state and 1,14,646 hectors are under apple cultivation. This year, they are expecting 3-3.5 crore boxes of apple (each box 25 kilogram). Last year, this was 2.5 crore boxes. "This year due to bumper crop, price of apples have fallen," he adds.

"There are around 25 farmers' organisations in the state, which are part of the newly-formed SKM. On Monday, we will hold a state-wide protest in 24 places the state demanding better rates for apple and give a memorandums to the officers, if our demands are not met, a bigger protest is planned. On August 30, we contacted the Chief Minister's Office and requested a meeting with CM Jai Ram Thakur. There was no response and we gave them 15 days time to revert," he added.

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"The three main demands are stopping exploitation of apple growers on the pattern of Jammu and Kashmir. They have a Market Intervention Scheme under which apples are graded. For A grade, the price is ₹60 peg kilo, for B ₹44 and for C ₹24. We want strict implementation of an act so that apple growers get the payment the same day. Right now, it takes a minimum of 15 days and at times, one to two years to get payment."

There are other demands. "We want Himachal Pradesh Horticulture Produce Marketing & Processing Corporation and Himachal Pradesh State Cooperative Marketing and Consumers Federation Limited to roll back the hike in transportation charges. Also, there should be compensation for apple growers of crop destroyed and damaged by late snow and hail storm," added Chauhan.

Chauhan said that in Himachal the grading is for only C grade apples since 1983. This year, the rate is ₹9.50 per kilo, while last year it was ₹8.50. "There is no grading for A and B. Adani Agri Fresh is buying apples at ₹74 per kg for A grade, which is ₹14 less than last year's price. C Grade apples are bought at ₹12 per kilo. Last year, it ws ₹18." He said there should be a government agency to regulate rates.

Suspected Myanmarese arrested

Guwahati: Twenty-six suspected Myanmar nationals, including women, were arrested in Guwahati on Sunday. Police said they arrived from Aizawl in two SUVs and checked into a city hotel by producing fake voter and Aadhaar cards and doctored educational certificates. They said they were going to Delhi to attend a religious programme.

ISI chief briefs Russia, Iran & China about India's role in Af

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PAKISTAN intelligence chief Faiz Hameed met his counterparts from Russia, China, Iran and Tajikistan to brief them about India's role in previous Afghanistan governments in promoting terrorism. According to sources, the meeting hosted by the ISI chief also discussed the roles of various countries in Afghanistan, post the takeover by the Taliban.

Hameed's meeting comes days after he was seen in Kabul ahead of the 'interim government' formation by the Taliban, which includes several UN-sanctioned terrorists including Siraj Haqqani of the Haqqani network. Pakistan has been eyeing a more significant role in Afghanistan since the Taliban took over. Last week, Islamabad announced that bilateral trade with Taliban-controlled Afghanistan will be undertaken in Pakistani rupees, a big shift from the earlier practice of trading in US dollars.

Sources said there have been certain disagreements between the Taliban and Islamabad on government formation. It is learnt that ISI wanted more members from the Quetta Shura (Quetta branch) and the Haqqani network.

COVID TRACKER

1.33% CASE FATALITY RATE

1.87% DAILY POSITIVITY RATE

97.51% NATIONAL RECOVERY RATE

3,84,921 Active cases in India

6,595 Fall in active cases

15,30,125 Tests in 24 hours

Source: Union Health Ministry

CONGRESS MLA JOINS BJP

Congress MLA from Uttarakhand Rajkumar joined the BJP on Sunday with the saffron party asserting this is a big indication of its victory in the coming polls in the state

6 ARRESTED OVER ASSAM BOAT ACCIDENT

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	32	26	Mumbai	30	27
Bhopal	30	23	Panaji	36	28
Jaipur	28	24	Patna	34	27
Amritsar	31	24	Lucknow	37	30
Chennai	36	28	Port Blair	29	27
Kolkata	31	28	Imphal	29	20
Srinagar	28	12	Chandigarh	36	28

DAMAGE-CONTROL MODE

MP govt in a spot over judicial custody death

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

WITH the recent death of a tribal man in judicial custody turning into a major political issue, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan went into damage-control mode by removing the superintendent of police of Khargone district on Sunday.

Confirming the development, Chouhan said, "a judicial probe has already been ordered and four cops have been suspended. Now, the SP of Khargone district Shailendra Singh Chauhan has been removed (from his post) for improper supervision in the entire matter."

Sensing that the CM and the ruling BJP were on the back foot over the issue, the Congress reiterated its demand that the CBI probe the death of Bishan Bheel on the intervening night of September 7-8 and ₹1 crore be given as compensation to his family, along with a job for one of his dependents and the lodging of murder case against the police personnel responsible for his death.

Just a day before, a Congress fact-finding mission, led by senior MLA and ex-minister Vijaylaxmi Sadho had gone to meet the kin of the deceased man. After the meeting, the team alleged that he died due to police torture.

Four days ago, 40-year-old Bishan Bhee was arrested in connection with an August 24 loot case. He died a few hours after being admitted to the Khargone Sub Jail.

Doctors at the Khargone district hospital claimed there were no signs of torture on Bishan's body. They said the post mortem established that he died due to shock triggered by septicemia, caused by a previous ulcerative infection. However, the suspended superintendent of the sub jail claimed that before Bishan was moved to the jail on September 7, he already had torture wounds on his body, owing to which he was sent to the district hospital.

Enraged over the death, residents of Kharikundi village of Khargone district had attacked the Bistan police station on September 8. Later, acting in the matter, the government suspended four police personnel of the Bistan police station were suspended and a judicial probe was ordered.

Shivraj Chouhan launches Jan Darshan yatra ahead of bypoll

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

WITH an eye on the by-elections to three Assembly constituencies, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Sunday kicked off a Jan Darshan Yatra.

The yatra began from the Raigaon Assembly constituency in Satna district. The raigon seat has fallen vacant due to the death of veteran BJP MLA Jugal Kishore Bagri. On Monday, the CM will travel to Prithvipur Vidhan Sabha constituency in Bundelkand region, and later, to the Jobat constituency in Alirajpur district.

Seats in both Jobat and Prithvipur have fallen vacant due to the deaths of sitting Congress MLAs from Covid-19 complications.

On the first day of the Jan Darshan Yatra, the CM travelled to 10 villages, starting from Shivrajpur and ending at Narayanpur. During the 23-km yatra, he held small meetings and interacted with the public. He made various promises including that his government will bring water through Bargi canal to Raigaon by 2023. He also announced the construction of power substations and new roads. Further, the CM announced the construction of a building worth ₹18 crore for a school in Shivrajpur village.

He dedicated development works worth ₹44 crores to the people of Singhpur village. While maintaining that the Savrna Aayog (Upper Caste Commission) has already been announced in the state, the CM said soon the chairperson for the Commission will be decided. Importantly, a few months before the 2018 assembly polls in MP, Satna district had witnessed major protests by general category people against the amendments in the SC/ST Atrocities Act.

Ex-J'khand CM's aide arrested over rape

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

THE Jharkhand Police have arrested Sunil Tiwari – a political advisor to former Jharkhand Chief Minister and BJP legislative party leader Babulal Marandi in connection with the sexual harassment of an 18-year-old tribal girl.

An arrest warrant was issued against Tiwari after the girl's parents filed an FIR at the Argora Police Station in Ranchi.

The girl used to work as a domestic help at Tiwari's house.

The girl alleged in the FIR that Tiwari forced her into having a physical relationship with him and threatened to kill her if she told anyone about it.

The girl shared her ordeal with her parents a few days ago, following which, they decided to approach the police.

After his anticipatory bail petition was cancelled by a lower court in Ranchi, Tiwari had moved the High Court. But before a decision could be made, he was arrested by the police.

Sources in the police department said, Tiwari was arrested from Uttar Pradesh's Etawah district.

Meanwhile, the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes has issued a notice to the Jharkhand DGP and Senior Superintendent of Police, Ranchi, after the girl's father filed a complaint alleging that the police took his daughter away on August 15 without giving any explanation. The girl was then produced before the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) on the next day. Her parents were reportedly kept in the dark about her whereabouts. The statement of the girl was recorded before the court under Section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedures.

Raj's history-sheeter bureaucrat caught in fresh corrpution probe

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

SENIOR IAS officer Neeraj K Pawan, who is considered the most controversial bureaucrat in Rajasthan, is facing fresh corruption probe by the state's Anti-Corruption Bureau, which has arrested two officials of the Rajasthan Skill and Livelihood Development Corporation, of which Pawan is the chairman, for taking bribe worth ₹5 lakh.

The ACB has seized two mobile phones of Pawan. The bureau on Saturday sealed nine offices of the RSLDC, including the office of Neeraj K Pawan.

The two officials have been accused of taking bribes to clear payments worth ₹1.5 crore to a private company. According to the ACB Director General of Police (DGP), B L Soni, the two officials were caught red-handed while taking bribe of ₹5 lakh from the complainant to clear pending bills.

Neeraj Paswan

Pawan is caught in the middle of a scam involving the passing of bills of a private company worth ₹1.5 crores for works under a variety of skill development schemes. In the past too, Pawan has been named in several corruption scandals and had spent nearly nine months in jail five years ago. Pawan was reportedly on his way to Jodhpur when he was stopped by the ACB officials who seized his two iPhones. The phones were seized to find out if he has any involvement in the bribery case. Sources said Pawan had deleted some of his WhatsApp chats before handing over the phones to ACB. Officials said that they will try to recover the deleted chats. Pawan has been arrested in the past in connection with various corruption scandals.

BY-ELECTION

BJP candidate and TMC leader in war of words

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

A war of words erupted between the Trinamool Congress and the BJP on Sunday amid campaigning for the Bhowanipore by-election.

TMC minister Firhad Hakim, who is campaigning door-to-door for his party leader Mamata Banerjee, rubbished the BJP' claim that it will give a tough fight to the TMC.

Attacking BJP candidate Priyanka Tibrewal, Hakim asked, "Who is she? How useful is the BJP's candidate? What is her contribution to our society?"

Responding to Hakim's attack, Tibrewal said, "I defeated the state government in the high court. He (Hakim) should have congratulated me first. The verdict of Bhowanipore's voters on September 30 will help him to identify who I am."

Tibrewal is one of the BJP leaders who petitioned the Calcutta HC over the post-election violence in the state, which led the HC to order a CBI probe into allegations of crimes against women and children.

Referring to Priyanka's defeat in the recent Assembly elections, Hakim called her a bacha meye (young girl). "She is a young girl. She had been defeated earlier in the Assembly elections. As no senior BJP leader was ready to contest against Mamata Banerjee, they have pushed the young girl into the battleground," he said.

Priyanka said her fight is to save democracy, "My rival Mamata Banerjee is much senior and older than me. But I am here to fight the battle to save democracy and people of Bengal from TMC's terror."

EXPRESS READ

Police officer shot dead by terrorist in Srinagar

Srinagar: A police officer was shot dead from point-blank range by a militant in Khanyar locality of the city here on Sunday.Probationary Sub-Inspector Arshid Ahmad was shot at after he was coming back from a hospital where he had taken an accused for a check up. The CCTV footage of the incident shows a militant shooting the officer with a pistol at least twice.

Priyanka in Rae Bareli, meets party workers

Lucknow: Faced with a stiff challenge to halt Congress's slide in Uttar Pradesh, party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Sunday began a tour of Sonia Gandhi's Rae Bareli constituency to energise workers for the electoral battle for UP scheduled early next year. Priyanka said that the Congress this time plans to declare candidates well in time for the state assembly elections

Teach youngsters how to solve problems, says Sajid

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SAJID believes the requirements of a 21st century child are different from what is being currently taught in schools. There is a paradigm shift as one's life is being controlled by technology, he said.

"Other than that, the nature of job in the markets is changing as innovation and robotics have started dominating our lives. The big question is where human beings fit. Therefore, there is going to be a major shift in the field of technology as everything will be done automatically sitting at home. In such circumstances, my research is on how the learning will take place which could prove to be beneficial for the children in the next 15-20 years," Sajid said.

"We are trying to take rural children at that level where they can solve problems and also making efforts to take them out of the current static curriculum,"he added.

"You must agree that problem solving skill will always remain with humans. In other words, human being will always have the ownership of problem solving skill or what you call decision making. It must be inculcated into the younger generation at the initial stage," he pointed out.

"We charge ₹500 per child to meet our financial requirements. Some fund is allocated by the district administration for setting up laboratories in government schools under various schemes. More than 26,000 children are benefitting out of this concept," said Sajid.

The Best Innovative Idea School Award by Jharkhand was conferred on Sajid for his innovative approach in 2019. Now, he aims to set up an open-air school without textbook and walls where children will not be burdened with books, instead they will be taught lessons from the experiences of day-to-day lives by making use of the things around them.

Tribals protest installation of Hindu idols

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

A tribal body in Chhattisgarh has cited the Fifth Schedule of the Constitution to demand that idols of Hindu Gods and Goddesses not be put up in tribal areas during festive occasions.

"We tribals are being conferred with social and cultural safeguards under the Fifth Schedule that guarantees protection of our orthodox rituals, traditions and language. These are being adversely affected by the consistent religious propagation and practices by the followers of the Hindu religion. Owing to this, our customary rites and traditions stand threatened," said the memorandum submitted by the registered tribal body Sarv Adivasi Samaj in Manpur block of Rajnandgaon district, 80 km west of Raipur.

The tribal body had sought to prevent the installation of idols of Lord Ganesh or Durga in areas designated as coming under the Fifth Schedule.

Experts however stated the tribal body's claim has nothing to do with the Fifth Schedule. "Their claim has nothing to do with the Fifth Schedule but with the Article 19 (5) of the Constitution," said B K Manish, former research consultant to NALSAR university of Law Hyderabad.

GREEN SPACE

Uttarakhand gets India's second largest fernery

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Raipur

ONE of India's biggest ferneries was inaugurated on Sunday in Ranikhet in Uttarakhand's Almora district. It has been developed by the research wing of the Uttarakhand Forest Department over a period of three years, under the Central government's Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management scheme.

Sanjiv Chaturvedi, a 2002-batch Indian Forest Services officer who heads the research wing of the state forest department told *TNIE*, "The fernery is to showcase the fern species and to spread awareness about this category of plants. Ferns are of huge importance to our ecosystem and they need to be studied and understood."

The fernery in Uttarakhand is spread over four acres | SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The fernery, spread over four acres, was inaugurated by Dr Nilambar Kunetha, a well-known pteridophyte. It has one of India's largest collection fern species with 120 different types of fern. Only Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanical Garden and Research Institute (TBGRI), Almora district in, has a larger number of fern species.

However, unlike the fernery in the Kerala capital, the one in Uttarakhand has been developed as an open-air fernery.

The fernery is home to a mix of species from regions in western and eastern Himalayas as well as Western Ghats. It houses many rare species, prominent among which is Tree Fern (Cyathea spinulosa), which has been declared as a threatened species by the State Biodiversity Board of Uttarakhand.

The fernery also displays a few of prominent edible species of fern like Lingura (Diplazium esculentum) which is a popular food item in the hills of Uttarakhand and is considered very nutritious.

Nitish skips Paswan's death anniversary

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

BIHAR Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Sunday skipped the first death anniversary function of veteran Dalit leader and founder of LJP Ram Vilas Paswan. Leaders from the BJP and the state's main opposition RJD attended the event.

The relationship between the JD(U) and the LJP deteriorated ahead of the Bihar Assembly elections in 2020 when the latter headed by Paswan's son Chirag decided to leave the NDA and contest the elections on its own. On Sunday's event, Chirag was joined by Tejashwi Yadav and Sushil Kumar Modi. Bihar's governor Phagu Chauhan also attended.

Tejashwi recently visited the Paswan residence, where he hugged Chirag in front of the media, setting off speculation that the state's political alignment may soon see a change.

Notably, Chirag was also joined by his estranged uncle Pashupati Paras. In June, six LJP MPs led by Paras had rebelled against Chirag. Five MPs then declared Paras as the leader of the parliamentary party. Paras now leads a breakaway faction of the LJP.

Tejashwi Yadav attacked Nitish over his no-show.

"On such occasions, people do away with personal differences. But our CM seems to care little for social conventions. Neither he nor any leader of the JD(U) has come. All Nitish Kumar could come up with was a brief, one-line message when even the prime minister has filled two pages paying tributes to Paswan," said Yadav.

India's highest air purifier in Chandigarh

Coa India's highest air purifier has been installed at the Transport Light Point in Madhya Marg at Sector 26 of Chandigarh. The air purification tower, which can purify the air in a 500-meters radius around it, was installed by Pious Air Private Limited, a Delhi-based firm without any cost to the Chandigarh Administration. The company will operate and maintain the tower for a period of five years. The purifier sucks in polluted air, drains it of harmful particles, and then, releases it. After the purifier was installed at the Transport Light Point, residents of other areas of Chandigarh have started demanding a similar purifier in their localities.

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CHANDIGARH DIARY

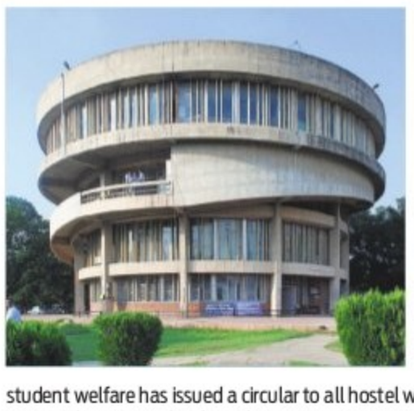
Mega cargo complex to come up at city airport

A modern 2,500 metric tonne air cargo complex is set to come up at the Chandigarh International Airport. It will handle both domestic as well as international cargo, including perishable items. It is likely to become operational in November. The complex will have five sheds covering an area of about 2,500 square meters. There will be separate areas within it to store perishable and non-perishable items. A prefabricated shed with an area of 450 square meters will be made available for storing perishable items. The cargo complex will have a cold room, reefer vans, forklifts, scissor lifts, pallets and user-friendly weighing scales. The facility will also have CCTV cameras and X-ray machines for security. The airport will be only the second airport in north India after the Delhi airport to have a 2,500-metric tonne cargo facility.

Prepaid taxi service for air passengers

The Chandigarh International Airport has started a prepaid taxi service for the convenience of passengers. The fares range from `450 to `1,200 depending on the distance covered and the seating capacity of the vehicles. For up to 10 km, the fare for a non-AC five-seater taxi would be `450. For an AC car, the charge would be `700. The fare would be `800 and `900, respectively for seven-seater, non-AC and AC cars. For 26 to 30 kms, the fare would be `800 and `900 for a five-seater non-AC and AC car respectively, while for a seven-seater non-AC and AC car, the cost would be `1,100 and `1,200.

Panjab University to reopen campus this week



The Punjab University is likely to reopen its campus in a phased manner starting this week. An official communiqué issued last week stated, "The university is planning to open from next week in a phased manner, starting with the final-year postgraduate students in some of the departments." Also, the office of the dean student welfare has issued a circular to all hostel wardens, advising them not to go on leave now that hostels are set to reopen. The wardens have also been asked to ensure 100 per cent vaccination of students, research scholars and canteen staff at the earliest.

5 people were injured in an attack by a knife-wielding Somali asylum seeker in Rome. The attacker was arrested later

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	21	LC	Los Angeles	30	16	SNY
Colombo	30	26	TDS	Melbourne	14	5	SNY
Dhaka	31	27	TDS	Moscow	23	11	HR
Dubai	40	31	SNY	New York	30	20	LC
Houston	26	24	LR	Singapore	28	25	TDS
Istanbul	26	19	LC	Toronto	23	16	LC
London	19	14	LC	Washington	33	22	SNY

Taliban okay with women edu, but conditions apply

Higher education minister says women can study only in gender-segregated varsities. Islamic dress is also compulsory for them

Girls take the stairs to their class in a school in Kabul on Sunday | AP/PTI

KABUL

WOMEN in Afghanistan can continue to study in universities, including at post-graduate levels, but classrooms will be gender-segregated and Islamic dress is compulsory, the higher education minister in the new Taliban government said Sunday.

The minister, Abdul Baqi Haqqani, laid out the new policies at a news conference, several days after Afghanistan's new rulers formed an all-male government. The world has been watching closely to see to what extent the Taliban might act differently from their first time in power, in the late 1990s. During that era, girls and women were denied an education, and were excluded from public life.

The Taliban have suggested they have changed, including in their attitudes toward women. However, they have used violence in recent days against women protesters demanding equal rights.

Haqqani said the Taliban did not want to turn the clock back 20 years. "We will start building on what exists today," he said.

However, female university students will face restrictions under the Taliban, including a compulsory dress code. Haqqani said hijabs will be mandatory but did not specify if this includes compulsory headscarves. Gender segregation will also be enforced, he said. "We will not allow boys and girls to study together," he said. "We will not allow co-education." Haqqani said the subjects being taught in universities would also be reviewed but did not elaborate. The Taliban, who subscribe to a harsh interpretation of Islam, had banned music and art during their previous time in power. *AP*

'Don't want to turn clock back'

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TYPHOON BRINGS 5 INCHES OF RAIN, DRENCHES TAIWAN

TAIPEI

TYPHOON Chanthu drenched Taiwan with heavy rain Sunday as the storm's centre passed the island's east coast heading for Shanghai.

On the Chinese mainland, the government issued a typhoon warning for Shanghai and warned of possible torrential rains.

Airline flights and train service in Taiwan were suspended Saturday as the storm approached. The Central News Agency reported more than 2,000 people were evacuated from flood-prone areas of the east coast county of Hualien. At midday Sunday, Chanthu's center was about 70 kilometers (45 miles) off Taiwan's northeast coast, with winds of 162 kph (101 mph) and gusts up to 198 kph (124 mph), according to the Central Weather Bureau.

Up to 13 centimeters (5 inches) of rain fell Sunday in some areas, the Weather Bureau said. It said up to 20 centimeters (8 inches) was forecast.

A policeman walks toward an overturned vehicle in New Taipei City before Typhoon Chanthu passed Taiwan | AFP

Heavy rain also fell on Taipei, the capital, and other parts of the island.

Chanthu is forecast to head north and dump rain on Shanghai before turning east toward South Korea and Japan, the Weather Bureau said.

The airport in Ningbo, south of Shanghai, canceled 41 flights, official media reported. News reports said some 3,400 fishing boats returned to port and 20,200 people who work at fish farms were moved out of flood-prone areas.

Earlier, the storm grazed the island of Luzon in the Philippines, but no flooding or damaged was reported. *AP*

More people evacuated as Spain deploys army against wildfire

Madrid: Soldiers are being deployed in southeast Spain to battle a wildfire that has been burning for the fourth day. It destroyed over 6,000 hectares of forests and prompted fresh evacuations, bringing the total number of residents displaced to around 2,000. Authorities on Sunday preventively removed residents from the town of Jubrique and said they would evacuate the 400 inhabitants of Genalguacil. A military unit was traveling from the Moron army base to join more than 300 firefighters and 41 water-dropping aircraft. Infoca, the Andalusia region's agency in charge of firefighting efforts, described Sunday as a 'key day' to bring the blaze under control. Infoca also released pictures showing plume of smoke coming from a rugged terrain, saying it had made crews' access on ground difficult. AP

Wildfire forces closure of a section of major freeway in California

Castiac (US): A wildfire near Castaic on Saturday has led to the closure of a part of a major freeway in Southern California, officials told local media. The fire, known as the Route Fire, reached 392 acres and forced the shutdown of a section of Interstate 5, the Angeles National Forest said. The Route Fire is threatening structures, according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Santa Clarita Valley station. Elsewhere in California, thunderstorms that dropped light rain gave some breathing room to crew members struggling to quench the massive wildfires but the lightning also sparked new blazes, fire officials said. The National Weather Service said there were more than 1,100 cloud-to-ground lightning strikes in California between Thursday evening and Friday morning. AP

Al-Qaeda chief appears in video marking 9/11 anniversary

BEIJING

AL-QAEDA leader **Ayman al-Zawahri** appeared in a video marking the 20th anniversary of the September 11, attacks, months after rumours spread that he was dead. The SITE Intelligence Group that monitors jihadist websites said the video was released on Saturday.

In it, al-Zawahri said "Jerusalem will never be Judaized," and praised al-Qaeda attacks including one that targeted Russian troops in Syria in January.

SITE said he also noted US military's withdrawal from Afghanistan after 20 years of war. It added his comments do not necessarily indicate a recent recording, as the withdrawal agreement with Taliban was signed in February 2020.

Al-Zawahri made no mention of Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan and the capital Kabul last month, SITE added. Rumours have spread since late 2020 that al-Zawahri had died from illness. Since then, no video or proof of life surfaced, until Saturday. "He could still be dead, though if so, it would have been at some point in or after Jan 2021," tweeted Rita Katz, SITE's director. *AP*

FBI releases declassified record on attacks

Washington: A declassified FBI document related to logistical support given to two of the Saudi hijackers in the run-up to the 9/11 attacks details contacts the men had with Saudi associates in US but does not provide proof that senior kingdom officials were complicit in the plot. It is the first investigative record to be disclosed since President Joe Biden ordered a declassification review of materials. The 16-page record is a summary of an FBI interview done in 2015 with a man who was in contact with Saudi nationals in US who backed the first hijackers to arrive in America before the attacks. AP

Iran agrees to allow new memory cards in UN's nuclear site cameras

TEHRAN

IRAN on Sunday agreed to allow international inspectors to install new memory cards into surveillance cameras at its sensitive nuclear sites and to continue filming there, averting a diplomatic showdown this week. The announcement by **Mohammad Eslami** of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran after a meeting he held with the director-general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, Rafael Grossi, in Tehran still leaves the watchdog in the same position it has faced since February, however.

Tehran holds all recordings at its sites as negotiations over the U.S. and Iran returning to the 2015 nuclear deal remain stalled in Vienna. Meanwhile, Iran is now enriching small amounts of uranium to its closest-ever levels to weapons-grade purity as its stockpile continues to grow.

"I am glad to say that today were able to have a very constructive result, which has to do with the continuity of the operation of the agency's equipment here," Grossi said.

"It is indispensable for us to provide the necessary guarantee and information to the IAEA and to the world that everything is in order." Eslami described the negotiations between Iran and the Vienna-based IAEA as 'sheerly technical' without any room for politics. He said Grossi would return to Iran soon to talk with officials, without elaborating. Also left unsaid was whether Iran would hand over copies of the older recordings, which Tehran had threatened previously to destroy. "The memory cards are sealed and kept in Iran according to the routine," Eslami said. "New memory cards will be installed in cameras. That is a routine and natural trend in the agency's monitoring system." A joint statement released by the IAEA and Iran confirmed the understanding, saying only that the way and the timing are agreed by the two sides.

The announcement could buy time for Iran ahead of an IAEA board meeting this week in which Western powers had been arguing for Tehran to be censured over its lack of cooperation with international inspectors. *AP*

ASIA MATTERS

Police arrest alleged child abusers

Multan: The Pakistan police have said they are searching for members of a gang accused of abusing minors and making pornographic videos in a marriage hall in the Punjab province. Four suspects from the group were arrested in a raid late Friday in Sahiwal, said officer Umar Daraz. The men were presented before a court on Saturday, allowing police to question them for four days. Daraz said police seized 46 pornographic videos from cell phones and a USB drive, which allegedly show the suspects sodomising boys aged between eight and 12. AP

Drones target airport

Baghdad: Explosives-laden drones targeted Irbil international airport late on Saturday where US-led coalition troops are stationed, as per security forces and officials. Kurdistan's Counter-Terrorism Service said at least two drones carrying explosives targeted the airport. It said the attack did not lead to any casualties. Lawk Ghafuri, spokesman for the semi-autonomous northern region, said the explosives struck outside of the airport and dismissed reports the attack had impacted flights. AP

2 women in fray to become France's 1st female prez

PARIS

TWO French politicians kicked off their presidential campaigns Sunday, seeking to become France's first female leader in next year's election.

The far-right National Rally party's Marine Le Pen and Paris' Socialist mayor, Anne Hidalgo, launched their campaigns. They join a burgeoning list of challengers to President Emmanuel Macron.

Hidalgo, 62, mayor of the French capital since 2014, is the favorite to win the Socialist Party nomination. She launched her candidacy in the city of Rouen.

"I want all children in France to have the same opportunities I had," she said, invoking her roots. Hidalgo is the daughter of Spanish immigrants who fled their country in search of freedom amid dictator Francisco Franco's rule.

Marine Le Pen

Anne Hidalgo

Le Pen, the 53-year-old leader of France's far-right party, started her campaign in the southern city of Frejus with a pledge to defend French 'liberty.' In keeping with a hard-right message that critics say has vilified Muslim communities, Le Pen promised to be tough on 'parts of France that have been Talibanized.'

Macron, 43, has not yet announced his reelection bid but is expected to do so. *AP*

In conservative Somalia, a rare woman prez candidate

MOGADISHU

THE woman who broke barriers as the first female foreign minister and deputy PM in culturally conservative Somalia is aiming for the top office as the nation moves toward a presidential election.

Parliament member **Fawzia Yusuf H Adam** is aware of the challenges in winning votes in a nation where women are often remain marginalised. She described the struggle of leading a foreign ministry staff that was overwhelmingly male.

"They were very reluctant to collaborate with me just because I am a female," she said.

Attitudes toward Adam's run for office are skeptical, if sympathetic. "She's good, but unfortunately she's a woman," said Abdiwahid Mohamed Adam, a doctor at Mogadishu Memorial Hospital. Complicating her bid, he said, is the fact that she comes from the breakaway region of Somaliland, a comparatively stable area in the north that has sought international recognition as an independent country for years. *AP*

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KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CYCLE OF MONEY GROWTH

RAJAS KELKAR

A typical growth cycle of a country includes higher incomes translating into higher savings. These higher savings lead to even higher investment. That further leads to more high-paying jobs and more people with even higher incomes. Such a cycle needs to go on like an assembly line in a factory for economies to grow.

In the case of India, systemic shocks since 2013 have disrupted that virtuous cycle, opines Morgan Stanley, a global bank, in a new report last week. While the report does not single out those shocks, one can safely assume that those include demonetisation, goods and services tax rollout and the lockdowns enforced during the pandemic since March 2020. The sharp fall in growth was not followed by any quick recovery in investments, especially in the private sector. While large private corporations are using their balance sheet muscle to sustain themselves despite a slump in demand for goods and services, small and medium-sized businesses, continue to suffer. They create jobs in large numbers and presently are unable to do so. That presents a significant challenge, and this column has argued that the government needs to do more to improve the delivery of credit or grants to small businesses.

There is a lot of chatter in the analyst world that India needs to boost manufacturing due to problems due to sour trade relations between China and America. However, that is a big challenge on the ground. A lot has happened during the pandemic.

At least three foreign companies — Harley Davidson, General Motors and Ford Motors — have stopped the assembly of vehicles in India. That is a terrible news. Not only it puts out factory workers directly employed by these companies out of work, but a whole chain of auto-ancillaries and related services also faces a business cut.

WHAT IT MEANS TO YOUR MONEY

While the government continues to find a way out, you need to identify pockets of growth. Your money needs to grow for you to meet your life goals. There is merit in identifying sectors that would create more jobs. They are more likely to witness faster growth than sectors where demand is slow. Financial services, consumer technology, agriculture supply chain, and related technology are areas where new money is currently invested. Venture Capitalists invested close to $17 billion between January and July of 2021 in companies like e-commerce companies like Flipkart, education-oriented ones like Byju's and upGrad and many others in India. That is second only to China, according to reports.

The key to your success is appropriate asset allocation. In your investment habits lies an opportunity.

A lot of you have started to dabble in the stock market. The number of demat accounts opened lately indicate a significant surge like never before. For almost two decades, the total demat accounts in India hovered between two crore and 2.5 crore. It has suddenly jumped to near seven crore over the past two years. There was a boost to stock market trading during the pandemic. However, mobile technology is a significant enabler.

A similar expansion of the market was witnessed in the insurance sector, mutual funds and retail banking. Even after that, India remains a significantly 'under-serviced market for financial services. In comparison to the world, fewer people have access to them. That presents an opportunity for growth.

If you can study businesses and buy individual companies that you think would grow with the economy, you must do that.

Your long-term savings must be channelised into funds that target growth businesses. Equity markets tend to outperform all other asset classes in the long term. Two things influence equity prices. These include the nation's economic growth and interest rates. All predictions suggest the country could be on the road to recovery after a dramatic fall in growth in 2020. Interest rates are most likely to remain low too. That should allow small and large businesses to bounce back.

If you are not into direct investing, you must give equity mutual funds or exchange-traded funds a chance. Your retirement savings can benefit from the growth in equity assets.

(The author is editor-in-chief at www.moneyminute.in)

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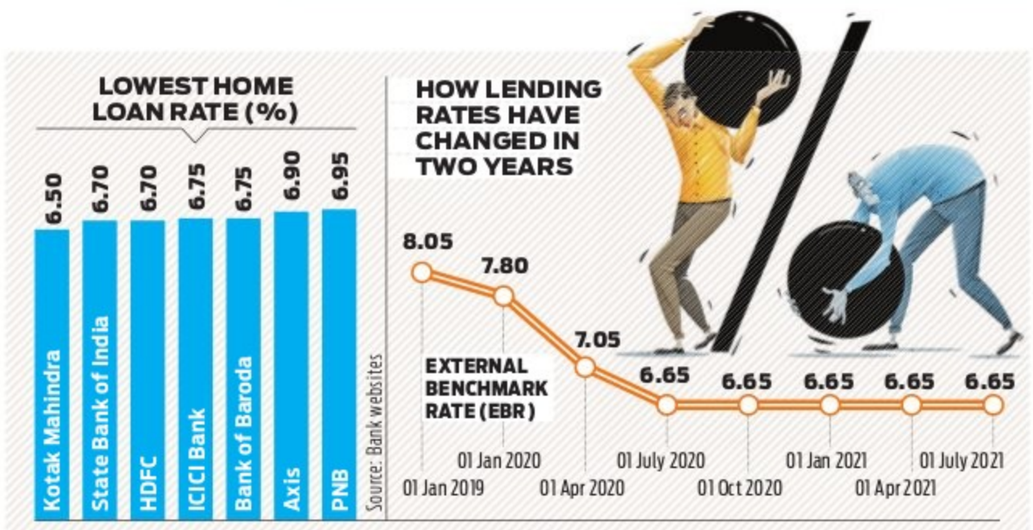

How to take advantage of record-low home loan rates

The most important factor deciding the rate is your credit history

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

KOTAK Mahindra Bank recently reduced its home loan rates from 6.65% to 6.50%, a special rate for a limited period during the festive season -- beginning 10 September and ending 8 November 2021. The bank claims that this is the most competitive rate in the home loan industry, a claim which cannot be disputed.

Home loan interest rates have fallen below 7% since last year with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) embarking on massive liquidity infusion measures to support growth and credit uptake. While these liquidity measures and RBI's sustained efforts to keep interest rates low may not have helped much in encouraging businesses and individuals to take new loans, they certainly have ensured home loan rates become more attractive.

With Kotak Mahindra Bank reducing the rates to 6.5%, and others like State Bank of India and HDFC offering the lowest rates of 6.7%, it looks like the home loan rates have bottomed out. There is little chance large home loan players like SBI and HDFC would try to compete with Kotak Mahindra Bank and bring down their rates further. A banking sector official, on the condition of anonymity, says Kotak's home loan portfolio is miniscule (compared to large players like HDFC and SBI), and lowering the rates to 6.5% would not affect its balance sheet as much. "However, large players with high exposure to the home loan market may find it difficult to cut the rates further down," he says.

Industry players are also of the opinion that Kotak's 6.5% home loan gamble is a ploy to attract customers. Once they have acquired enough customers, they can always increase the rates.

Kotak Mahindra Bank's home loan portfolio was ₹55,623 crore, whereas SBI's home loan portfolio was ₹505,473 crore and HDFC's total retail home loan advances were ₹3,76,000 crore as on 30 June 2021.

While not all banks and lenders may have the leeway to further reduce the home loan rates, the good news is that they may not increase the rates for another six months or so, given the liquidity in the market and the RBI's stated policy stance that it would "continue with the accommodative stance as long as necessary to revive and sustain growth on a durable basis..."

Interest rates are at their all-time low and for the next quarter or two, they should remain around these levels," Renu Sud Karnad, Managing Director, HDFC Ltd, told the New Indian Express.

Taking advantage

Are you still paying in excess of 7% interest on your home loan? If yes, it is probably time to ask your bank if you are eligible for a downward interest rate revision.

Most banks and lenders offer a lower rate to borrowers whose outstanding/new loan amount is up to ₹30-35 lakh. Anything in excess of this might attract higher rates – upwards of 7%. For example, State Bank of India offers its cheapest home loan rate of 6.7% on (outstanding) loan amount up to ₹30 lakh. ICICI Bank offers 6.75% on outstanding loan amount up to ₹35 lakh. Some banks, however, offer the same rates on all amounts.

But there are other parameters as well. Salaried individuals get home loans at lower rates than a self-employed. For example, ICICI Bank offers the lowest rate of 6.9% to self-employed, while salaried individuals can avail at 6.75%.

The most important factor, however, that decides the home loan interest rate is your credit history. For example, Kotak Mahindra would offer loans to new customers at 6.5% only if their credit score is 800 or more. In case of balance transfer, an individual can avail 6.5% only if his/her credit score is 750 or more.

A credit score tells your creditworthiness and ability to pay debt in future.

Usually, banks take a processing fee to lower your home loan interest rate. This is where you have to check if it is worth paying the fee for lowering the interest rate. If the lower rate being offered is in the range of 0.05-0.20%, you might like to see if it saves more money than the fee that you are paying.

If your lender is not offering you a lower rate, you can transfer your loan to a new bank by closing the existing one. Here also, you have to do a cost-benefit analysis, and decide if it is worth taking the pain to transfer the loan to another bank.

"The question is how much time is left to repay the loan based on the original tenure. A 0.2% lower rate will not save you much if it's an old loan. Also, you have to pay processing fees and other charges to the new lender. NBFCs still collect the foreclosure charges," says Pankaj Mathpal, founder and managing director of Optima Money Managers.

A few basis points lower rates though should not be a good enough reason to change your lender. Banking relationships are based on trust and quality of service, which you would not like to trade for a few percentage points.

Aggressive buying may not continue in markets: Experts

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@New Delhi

THE four-day trading session of last week began on a positive note, with a gap up opening on Monday when the Nifty reached a new high of 17429.50 . However, after setting a new high, the Sensex and the Nifty50 traded in a narrow range for the rest of the trading session. Analysts expect this trend to continue this week as well.

Last week, the 30-share BSE benchmark rose merely by 175.12 points to close at 58,305.07, and the Nifty50 rose 45.65 points to 17,369.25. In the last one month, the two indexes have grown by over 5%.

"On the weekly time frame, the benchmark index had formed higher highs and higher lows for the sixth week in a row, however, unlike last week, Nifty has formed a Doji candle, which indicates market indecisiveness. On the global front, the economy is improving, and several nations have opened entirely, allowing them to vaccinate the majority of their populations, which is a good sign for the market," Gaurav Garg, Head of Research Capital Via Global Research Limited told TNIE.

"On the domestic front, the government has been working on several projects aimed at strengthening the country's infrastructure. Overall, the Index could rally for another week, although not as aggressively as it did in the last week of August. The market may trade in the range of 17250-17750 (Nifty) in the next week," Garg said.

Inflation data and global trends would be the major driving factors for the equity markets this week, which after a record-breaking run took a breather in recent trades, analysts said.

Deciding factors

Inflation data and global trends would be the major driving factors for the equity markets this week, which took a breather in recent trades

"The inflation data for August will be a key data point that the market awaits in the coming week. Retail inflation is expected to remain high in line with the July inflation rate of 5.59% while wholesale inflation is expected to ease from the previous level of 11.16%. Globally, the investors are awaiting the outcome of ECB (European Central Bank) meeting to gauge future tapering plans," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

Siddhartha Khemka, Head - Retail Research, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd also mentioned that global cues would be actively tracked as fear of economic slowdown looms while Delta variant cases continue to surge.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹1,880

Target Price ₹2,065

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We expect strong volume growth and improved profitability due to: a) higher demand across product segments, b) launch of new products under the parent company and newly merged entity: Tricoat, c) robust distribution network, leading to increase in market share, along with increased cross-selling opportunity from the merger, and d) increase in the share of VAP is driving margin and profitability. We initiate a Buy rating.

— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

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Why do we have indices and how to benefit from them

PANKAJ CHOPRA

AN Index is like an indicator or a marker. It shows you a level. On its own, it does not have any meaning, but comparing it to its historical levels, it can show trends and provide insights.

In the stock market context, why is an index needed in the first place? We all know that there are a lot of companies listed on the markets. The Indian stock markets have more than 5,000 companies listed on them. We would have to calculate the net movement of all these companies on a daily basis to understand whether the markets went up or down each day. With increased computing power, it may be possible to do so today with some difficulty, but it would have been impossible a couple of decades ago.

Very few of us would have experienced those days before 1979 when the stock market had no index to represent it. People would suddenly realise that a market operator made millions and conversely, someone quickly went bankrupt. The lack of indices and therefore understanding of trends led the belief - which still exists to some extent today - that the stock market is a 'Satta Bazar' or pure speculation.

In 1979, the BSE-Sensitive Index, also called the BSE Sensex was first set up by including the top 30 companies in it. The index was created in a way that the weight of each company stock in it was based on the size of the company. These are called 'market cap weighted' indices and are most popular as they consider a more practical weight of each company. The other way to create an index from a set of companies is to give them the same weight. Those are called 'equally weighted' indices.

Another thing to note is that while individual stocks are traded and reported in Rupees, indices have no units. They are just numbers and therefore need to be compared to something relevant, always.

As the Sensex started logging in numbers based on a 100 level that it started with, it created a historical data base that could be analysed in many ways.

One of the more direct benefits of these data points that have been created is in the field of Technical Analysis. Technical analysts who look at charts created by collating daily/weekly/monthly data points can use their skills to study trends and predict what could happen next. Even a layman can identify trends in the market by realising that we are in a bull run if the index readings are rising every day and vice versa for a bear market.

Another benefit of indices is for market participants who deal in the derivatives markets, i.e. the futures and options markets. As indices are made up of several underlying companies, it becomes that much more difficult to manipulate an index as compared to individual stocks making them safer for derivative trading. Also, as the indices average out the movement of the underlying stocks, some going up and some down, they tend to be more stable than individual stocks. Thirdly, for the above reasons, as the derivative markets have developed, liquidity in futures and options based on popular indices is the highest, making trading into and out of them much more easier.

Leading indices can be used to create Index funds and Index ETFs for investors who want to participate in the markets without any further risk of a sector/ style or manager. The difference between a fund and an ETF is that funds are mostly open ended and units can be bought or sold every day once at the end of the day valuation, while ETFs are traded on the exchanges and afford the opportunity to buy or sell them anytime during the market open hours, just like any other stock, at prices that are correlated to the NAV of the ETF.

ETFs are gaining rapid popularity around the world and in India too, primarily because they have very low cost of operation. With no stock selection and therefore no research and fund management requirement - you just allocate new money in the same proportion as the current weight of each of the stocks in the index - the need to hire expensive resources is done away with for such funds.

While ETFs based on leading indices are the most popular and provide an overall exposure to the equity markets, for the more informed investors, there are several other ETFs based on either market caps, or sectors or even themes like Banking & Financial Services (BFSI) ETFs, Public Sector Undertakings (PSU) ETFs etc. The exchanges are now creating several customised and new-age indices to track certain trends in the markets. These include Shariah indices, ESG or Environment, Social & Governance-based Indices. There are now ETFs available for these and practically any theme or idea that one may have. So learn more about indices, know what they represent and see if they can help you in your investment journey.

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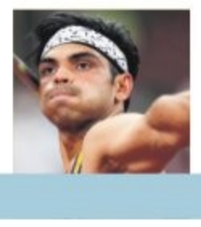
Neeraj felicitated by JSW Sports



Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra was among a host of Tokyo Games participants who were felicitated by sports NGO, JSW Sports. Wrestlers Bajrang Punia (bronze) and Ravi Dahiya (silver) were also felicitated along with the men's hockey team, represented by goalkeeper PR Sreejesh, at a ceremony at the IIS in Bellary on Saturday.

PHOTO: AFP

TEENAGE SUPERNOVA

Raducanu beats Fernandez to become first qualifier ever to win Grand Slam

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN

IN more than a century of organised sport, there has never been a story like the one etched in the sands of time by Emma Raducanu. She came to Flushing Meadows as an 18-year-old, hoping to get into the main draw. She didn't just get into the main draw but picked off her competition, one by one, without fuss, to win the US Open.

Sure, teenagers winning Grand Slams isn't new. Maria Sharapova, Steffi Graf, Chris Evert, Martina Hingis, Tracy Austin and Monica Seles have all done it in different time periods. What, though, is ridiculous about Raducanu's triumph is the way she went about her business, a rookie who operated like an alpha. The records she set over the last 17-18 days in New York make for surreal reading.

This was only her second Major appearance at a Slam. No woman in history had previously won a Major without at least taking part in four. She is the first qualifier, man or woman, to give a victory speech at a Major. She is also the first woman from Great Britain to win a Slam in over 40 years. She is the youngest Slam champion since Sharapova. She is also the first woman to win the US Open without dropping a set since Serena Williams did it in 2014.

When she made her Wimbledon debut a few months ago as a wild card, she was, at least ranking wise, the 10th best across Britain. It was there, in the first week of July, where she first came into the limelight.

Over three matches spanning a week, SW19 jived to the beats of an 18-year-old, a daughter of an immigrant, as she took down the likes of Sorana Cirstea and Marketa Vondrousova. On Manic Monday, when Murray Mount aka Henman Hill temporarily transformed into Raducanu Ridge, she became overwhelmed and had to retire because of breathing problems.

Critics of women's tennis will point towards the uncertainty that's visible in sport right now (Raducanu is the fifth different woman to win a Slam in the last 11 months). However, what that statement hides is the depth in women's tennis today. Fernandez, at 19, is the embodiment of that depth. Compared to Raducanu, the Canadian is a veteran. This was her seventh Major and her path to the final was an obstacle course the Olympics wouldn't have because it would be deemed too tough to even attempt.

First round was Ana Konjuh, a former junior World No 1. Second round was Kaia Kanepi, a former World No 15. Third round was Naomi Osaka, defending champion and World No 3. Fourth round was Angelique Kerber, a former World No 1 and a three-time Slam winner. Quarterfinal was Elina Svitolina, World No 5. The semifinal was Aryna Sabalenka, widely recognised as one of the best women's players yet to win a title.

Yet, the 19-year-old showed poise and remarkable hitting to lay waste to her more illustrious opponents.

If Raducanu relied on her service and ability to make passing shots down both wings for points, Fernandez's modus operandi was the way she preferred to hit the ball. She hit them early, generating crazy angles. What, though, united these two athletes was the way in which they approached matches. They never panicked. There was a joie de vivre. While others tried to win a title, these two just wanted to have some fun. On Saturday, under the New York lights inside the cavernous Arthur Ashe Stadium, that's what they did.

Forget for a moment that the scoreline read 6-4, 6-3. From the moment Raducanu tossed the ball to begin service in game No 1, it was high octane, intensity was off the charts and games were filled with tension, intrigue and layer upon layer of history. Like she has often done, the 18-year-old held service before breaking immediately to take a 2-0 lead. However, the 19-year-old, using her forehands, broke back before levelling. 2-2 after 27 minutes, it was already tennis in excelsis. Six games and 31 minutes later, Raducanu won the opening stanza with forehand winner. In the crowd, Virginia Wade, the last Brit woman to taste Slam success, was smiling, ready to welcome another into one of the most exclusive sporting clubs anywhere.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

HI names 25 women for national camp

BENGALURU: Hockey India on Sunday named 25 players, including the members of national team that secured a historic fourth place at the Tokyo Olympics, for the senior women's national coaching camp scheduled to begin here from Monday. "The core group which also includes the 16 players who were part of the Indian contingent at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 will report on Sunday, 12 September for the National Camp which will conclude on 20 October 2021," HI said in a release. The 25 probables include Gagandeep Kaur, Mariana Kujur, Suman Devi Thoudam and Mahima Choudhary.

BFC announce Durand Cup squad

BENGALURU: Bengaluru FC, on Sunday, announced their 22-man squad for the 2021 Durand Cup, which is underway in Kolkata. Naushad Moosa, assistant to Blues Head Coach Marco Pezzaiuoli, will step into the role of coach for the tournament. The Bengaluru squad, a mix of first team players and Blue Colts, has as many as 10 players from the BFC B team who are yet to make their senior team bow.

Liverpool's win overshadowed by Elliott injury

LEEDS: Liverpool moved alongside Chelsea and Manchester United at the top of the Premier League table with a 3-0 win at Leeds overshadowed by serious injury suffered by teenage star Harvey Elliott. The hosts' midfielder Pascal Struijk was sent-off for a challenge that appeared to break the 18-year-old's left leg midway through the second-half.By that point Liverpool were already comfortably ahead thanks to Mohamed Salah's 100th Premier League goal and Fabinho's 50th minute strike. Sadio Mane rounded off the scoring in stoppage time. AFP

ECB seeks ICC help to decide fate of fifth Test

VENKATA KRISHNA B @ Chennai

AS expected, the fate of the Manchester Test, which was cancelled after India players refused to play in the wake of a Covid-19 scare in the camp, has reached the doors of the International Cricket Council (ICC). The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) on Saturday wrote to the ICC, asking it to step in after the ECB failed to reach an agreement with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

The contentious point is that while BCCI believes the Covid scare in the camp is good enough reason for the match to be considered cancelled under the World Test Championship playing conditions, the ECB wants the Test to be considered forfeited. This would mean that the ECB can get insurance cover. It cannot get insurance cover if Covid is cited as a factor for the cancellation of the Test. Since there were no positive cases among the Indian players, ECB's chief executive Tom Harrison cited the mental well-being of the Indian players as the primary reason and this, the English board believes, will help them push their case with the ICC.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Bubble watch: Teams remain on their toes

VENKATA KRISHNA B @ Chennai

THE English summer has come to an abrupt end, but the temperatures are soaring in the UAE. With six days to go for the 2021 edition of the IPL to restart after a four-month gap, preparations are in full swing and with most players — except those who are featuring in the Caribbean Premier League and the bilateral series between South Africa and Sri Lanka — having checked in. Ever since the franchises landed in Dubai and Abu Dhabi towards the second half of August, the mood has been upbeat, with each one insisting on the safety of the environment.

It is in complete contrast to what was in India — specifically in Chennai, Mumbai, Delhi and Ahmedabad — in the months of April and May. With the league commencing in the middle of a strong Covid-19 second wave in India under a bio-secure environment, there was a bit of anxiety and fear with many of the franchise officials keeping their fingers crossed to deliver a full tournament. In the end, the move to hold the tournament at home proved costly as coronavirus breached the bio-bubble, bringing the event to a halt at the halfway stage.

With the league all set to resume, the recent developments in Manchester mean franchises and the BCCI are not letting their guard down. Although it has been a while since all the teams landed in the gulf and they are feeling more at home, they are aware it can lead to complacency, and the arrival of India and England players straight from Manchester means they are extra vigilant.

"There is so much at stake, which is why the six-day quarantine has been made mandatory. Although all are vaccinated and have tested negative in the RT-PCR tests, it is always better to be well prepared and cover the bases. Whether you fly in by a commercial flight or charter flight, the moment you use the airport, there is always an element of risk. So this quarantine is absolutely necessary because it avoids any jitters," a franchise official told this newspaper.

For the record, those players who are undergoing quarantine will take three RT-PCR tests in six days and will join the bubble only if they test negative in all.

Incidentally, when the BCCI decided to host the event in India in six cities, the air travel was seen as the biggest cause of concern. In the UAE, there is no need to worry about it as all three venues will be accessed via bus travel.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

KSFA Women's A division league postponed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka State Football Association (KSFA) has postponed the ongoing KSFA Sporting Planet Trophy Prospective Women's 'A' Division League by a few days. Also, the state women's senior camp, scheduled to start from Monday, met the same fate. They took this call after a rowdy-sheeter was hacked to death at the Bangalore Football Stadium by some armed assailants ahead of the scheduled A division game on Sunday.

"One unidentified person was chased by a group of three or four people. They rushed inside the stadium. It looked like the man was escaping from them. He ran onto the upper stand, jumped down and then he ran into the referees room. The people chasing him, apparently, seems to have attacked him and later he was found dead. The police are investigating the matter. None of these people are connected to football here in the stadium, and we have not seen them before," KSFA secretary Satyanarayan said in a video statement.

The incident occured just ahead of Roots FC and GRK game, which was supposed to be the second contest of the day.

STATE BANK OF INDIA

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Appendix – IV-A
[See Proviso to rule 8(6)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable property

E-auction SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSET UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO Rule 8(6) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **30.09.2021** for recovery of **Rs.82,31,969/-** (Rupees Eighty Two Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty Nine only) as on 06.09.2021 + interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Sri.Abhilash Kashyap. P** S/o A.R.Purushotham (Borrower).

The reserve price, earnest money deposit and bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the properties will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount	Last date for receipt of EMD
1.	Rs. 33,66,000/-	Rs. 3,36,600/-	Rs.10,000/-	28.09.2021

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI/RACPC -II/EA/01
(Property Title deed holder:Sri.Abhilash Kashyap.P)

All that piece and parcel of residential Apartment bearing Flat No.SF-001, 2BHK, New BBMP Khatha No.1453/SF-001/747/9-10-23-24 in the 2nd Floor of the apartment building known as "SRI SAI KAMAL NIVAS", having super built up area of 1100 Sq.ft with Vitrified tiles flooring, together with the single Car Parking at the stilt floor with all civic amenities and with right to use common areas, entrances, staircases, passages, corridors, lift etc., the flat is bounded on East by: Flat No. SF-04, West by: Open Space, North by: Flat No.SF-02 and South by: Site No.11 & 22 with 471.8 Square feet of undivided share right, title, interest, claims whatsoever in the land bearing No's.9,10,23 and 24, formed in Sy.No.58/5A, duly converted by the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru, vide Conversion Order No.BDIS.ALN.SR(S)288/03-04, dated 15.11.2003, V.P.Katha No.690, situated at Gubbalalu Village, UttarahalliHobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, presently within the limits of the Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike, Ward No.184, Uttarahalli Sub-Division, Bengaluru and the site measuring East to West: Northern Side: 86-0 feet, Southern Side: 86.6 feet and North to South: 60-0 feet and totally measuring 5190 Sq.feet and bounded on East by: 30 feet Road, West by: 30 feet Road, North by: Site No.8 & 25 and South by: Site No.11 & 22.

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said property. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **www.sbi.co.in i.e., https://bankeauctions.com**

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 13.09.2021

Sd/- Authorised Officer
SBI, RACPC -II, Koramangala, Bengaluru.

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I, **VAIJAYANTHI MALA R,** W/o. Late T. Ramakumar S/o. Thulasiram, R/at No. 195, 5th Main, Kadirenahalli Park, BSK 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-70, have Lost SALE DEED vide Register No. SRJ-1-00454-2009-10, Pages 9, CD No. SRJD24 Dt: 18-6-2009, in the office of the Sub Registrar, Sarjapura, Anekal Taluk, in respect of Site No. 23, Huskur Village, Sarjapur Hobli, Anekal Tq.

In this regard I have lodged missing complaint with the Lost Article Report Reference No. 0047879/2021 dated : 12-09-2021

If any-body find the above said document please return to the above mentioned my address or call us :

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Mobile : 9482834640

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri Raghunandan Krishnamachar, Bangalore intends to purchase the notice schedule property from Sri.G.Srinivasa Kukillaya, son of S.Gopalakrishna Kukillaya, Bangalore for a valuable consideration

Any person/s, Banks, Institutions, etc., asserting any right, claim, charge or interest over the notice schedule property or any part of the same, or any one opposing the said transaction, may lodge their claim with the under- signed within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice, with documentary proof in support of their claim.

That my client shall proceed to complete the said sale transaction after the said period, if no valid claims are made by any party within the said period, presuming that, there are no claims from any body whatsoever.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.621, 5th 'G' Block, Anjanapura Extension, formed by the BDA, Bangalore, measuring East to West 18 meters, North to South12 meters, and bounded on the;

East by : Road,
West by : Site No.640,
North by : Site No. 620,
South by : Site No.622,

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BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, BANGALORE
No. 4,1st Floor, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building, Residency Road, Bangalore – 560 025

O.A. No.2082 / 2020

Between: State Bank of India, RACPC-II, Koramangala, Bangalore - 560 034. **...Applicant**

And

1) Smt. Meenakshi Mahapatra (Def-1) W/o. Sri Shreekanth Kumar,
2) Mr. Shreekanth Kumar (Def-2), S/o. Late R.S. Meher, Both Def-1 and Def-2 are residing at Bi, C-11-111/C Anil Nilaya, Dental College Road, Munnekolala, Marathhalli, Bangalore - 560 037.
Also residing at (Def-1) : Smt. Meenakshi Mahapatra, W/o. Shreekanth Kumar, C/o. Bimohini Panigrahi, Subhash Lane, Bangali Pada, Bada bazar Post, Sambalpur, Khetrajpur, Pin -768 003, Odisha.
Office Address of Def-1 & 2 : **(1) Smt. Meenakshi Mahapatra,** M/s. Avvas Infotech Pvt. Ltd., Near BDA Complex, HSR Layout, Bangalore - 560 102.
(2) Sri . Shreekanth Kumar , M/s. Digital Village, In-Pvt Ltd., No. 27, 3rd Cross, 2nd Floor, 6th Block, No. 903, 905, 80 ft Road, Venkatappa Garden, Koramangala, Bengaluru - 560 068.
(3) M/s. Innovative (Ex-Parte) Builders/ Developers, No. 11-13, 704/7, Road No. 4, Green Hills Colony, Saroor Nagar, Hyderabad - 500 035. **...Defendants**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 TO THE DEFENDANTS

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for the recovery of a sum of **Rs.41,02,727-00** (Rupees forty one lakhs two thousand seven hundred twenty seven only), as on the date of filing this application 07.09.2020 together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

2. You are hereby requested to show cause within 30 (thirty days) days from the date of publication of this summons or on the **09.11.2021 at 10.30 a.m.** in person or by a pleader Advocate duly instructed as to why relief/s prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default, the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **31.08.2021.**

Sd/- Signature of the Registrar
Authorised to issue summons.

To

1) Smt. Meenakshi Mahapatra (Def-1) W/o. Sri Shreekanth Kumar,
2) Mr. Shreekanth Kumar (Def-2), S/o. Late R.S. Meher, Both Def-1 and Def-2 are residing at Bi, C-11-111/C Anil Nilaya, Dental College Road, Munnekolala, Marathhalli, Bangalore - 560 037.
Also residing at (Def-1) : Smt. Meenakshi Mahapatra, W/o. Shreekanth Kumar, C/o. Bimohini Panigrahi, Subhash Lane, Bangali Pada, Bada bazar Post, Sambalpur, Khetrajpur, Pin -768 003, Odisha.
Office Address of Def-1 & 2 : **(1) Smt. Meenakshi Mahapatra,** M/s. Avvas Infotech Pvt. Ltd., Near BDA Complex, HSR Layout, Bangalore - 560 102.
(2) Sri . Shreekanth Kumar , M/s. Digital Village, In-Pvt Ltd., No. 27, 3rd Cross, 2nd Floor, 6th Block, No. 903, 905, 80 ft Road, Venkatappa Garden, Koramangala, Bengaluru - 560 068.
(3) M/s. Innovative (Ex-Parte) Builders/ Developers, No. 11-13, 704/7, Road No. 4, Green Hills Colony, Saroor Nagar, Hyderabad - 500 035. **...Defendant**

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable property)

A/c. No. 38358998486

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notice dated **22.09.2020** and the same was also published in the newspapers "The Free Press Journal" (Mumbai Edition), "Navshakthi" (Mumbai Edition), "The New Indian Express" (Bengaluru Edition) and " Kannada Prabha" (Bengaluru Edition) on 04.11.2020 calling upon the **borrower:** Sri Mallikarjun Koguri **S/o. Koguri Krishnamurthy** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.95,57,124/-** (Rupees Ninety Five Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Four only) as on 22.09.2020 interest & expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on **09.09.2021.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs.1,04,26,116/-** (Rupees One Crore Four Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand One Hundred and Sixteen only) as on 08.09.2021 and interest + expenses thereon.

The borrower's / mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 25, formed in converted Sy. No. 343/7B by the Depurty Commissioner Bengaluru District vide its order No. B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)34/01-02 dated 13.06.2001, V. P. Khatha No. 691, situated at Akshaya Nagar, 5th Cross, Paramahamsa Road, Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk Bengaluru and measuring East to West (63+43)/2 feet and North to South 70 feet with a residential building having Ground and First Floor standing in the name of Sri Mallikarjun Koguri, bounded on: East by : Road (30 feet), West by : Site No. 24, North by : Site No. 8, South by : Road (30 feet).

Sd/- Authorised Officer
STATE BANK OF INDIA
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch,
Churchgate, Mumbai

Camp :Bengaluru
Date: 09.09.2021

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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE - APPENDIX IV - Rule 8(1)

The Authorised officer of **RBL Bank Ltd.** under Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notice 14.06.2021** calling upon Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within **60 days** from receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor and the public in general that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **RBL Bank Ltd.** has **taken SYMBOLIC POSSESSION** on **08.09.2021** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said rules as per detail below:

Sl. No.	Name of Account and Address of the Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Amount Due (Rs.)	Details of the immovable property for which symbolic possession is taken
1	**MRS. VEDAVATHI BALARAJU (Borrower, Hypothecator & Mortgagor),** Abhyudaya, 7/2, 2nd Cross, Kempaiah Block, Lower Palace, Orchards, Palace Guttahalli, Bangalore-560003. **MR. G . BALARAJU (Guarantor & Mortgagor),** Abhyudaya, 7/2, 2nd Cross, Kempaiah Block, Lower Palace, Orchards, Palace Guttahalli, Bangalore-560003. **MS. MONISHA B (Guarantor),** Abhyudaya, 7/2, 2nd cross, Kempaiah Block, Lower Palace, Orchards, Palace Guttahalli, Bangalore-560003.	**Rs. 3,18,32,884.70** (Rupees Three Crore Eighteen Lacs Thirty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Four and Paise Seventy Only) With further interest and charges thereon.	**Hypothecator - Mrs. Vedavathi Balaraju: a)** Hypothecation poly house structure etc and present and future crops created out of Bank Finance in the NA Land measuring 5A-22G as mentioned.(including textures, structures and assets therein) at Sy. No. 59, Nadipinayakanahalli , Jangamakote, Shidlaghatta Taluk. **b)** Hypothecation of Present and future asset created out of Bank finance and promoters Money on the NA Land measuring 5A-22G as mentioned.(including textures, structures and assets therein) at Sy. No. 59, Nadipinayakanahalli, Jangamakote, Shidlaghatta Talukc. **Property-3: (owned by Ms. Vedavathi Balaraju):** Extension Registered Equitable Mortgage of NA Land measuring 5A-22G as mentioned.(including textures, structures and assets therein) at Sy. No. 59, Nadipinayakanahalli, Jangamakote, Shidlaghatta Taluk. **Bounded on East by:** Kolumehosur Grama Boundary; **West by:** Land bearing Survey No.54; **North by:** Land bearing Survey No.58/2; **South by:** Land bearing Survey No.60.

The Borrower/ Mortgagor/ Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **RBL Bank Ltd.** Your attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of SARFAESI Act for redemption of secured assets i.e. property mentioned hereinbefore by tendering the aforementioned outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by our bank.

Place: Chikkaballapura
Date: 11.09.2021

Authorised officer
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Place: CHIKKABALLAPURA
Date: 11.09.2021

Authorised officer
RBL Bank Ltd.

EX FILE • CONSERVATION

TRACKING THE WORLD'S ILLEGAL RHINO HORN TRADE

Thanks to coordination with local communities and better enforcement by authorities, conservation of the one-horned rhinos is one of Asia's best success stories. However, other rhino species such as black, Javan and Sumatran are still critically endangered, with very few of them left in the world. To protect these mighty beasts from poaching, their biggest threat, scientists are now studying ways to inject radioactive material into rhino horns to make them easier to detect at border posts and airports using radiation detectors. We trace the path of rhino poaching around the world

Why are they poached?

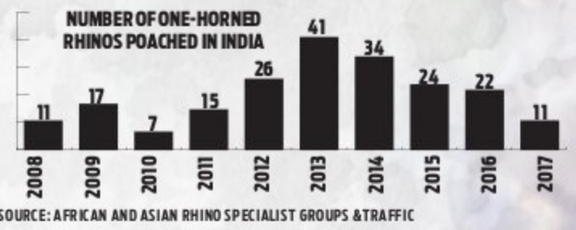
They are hunted down for their horns. Despite having no proven medicinal value, the horn is powdered and used in traditional Asian treatments as a cure for fevers and cancers. It is also bought as a symbol of wealth. Poaching gangs across the world use sophisticated tech like night vision to spot rhinos and use tranquillisers on them

+120%

From 1334 rhinos in India during 1986, there has been an increase by 1605, bringing the total to 2939 rhinos, which is an increase of 120%. In comparison, there was a 19% decline in Nepal and all the rhinos in Pakistan have perished

Poaching trends

Similar to ivory, there has been a decline in prices of rhino horn and a reduction in the number of poaching incidents. S Africa, which recorded 86% of poaching incidents in the world from 2006 to 2017, has seen a declining trend from 2014. The incidents had decreased to 594 in 2019, which is the lowest since 2011



SOURCE: AFRICAN AND ASIAN RHINO SPECIALIST GROUPS &TRAFFIC
NOTE: THERE HAS BEEN A DECREASE IN POACHING INCIDENTS IN SYNC WITH WORLD TRENDS

102
Total poachings as per the Indian government in the same period

ACTUAL POACHING FIGURES
208
which is more than twice recorded by GoI

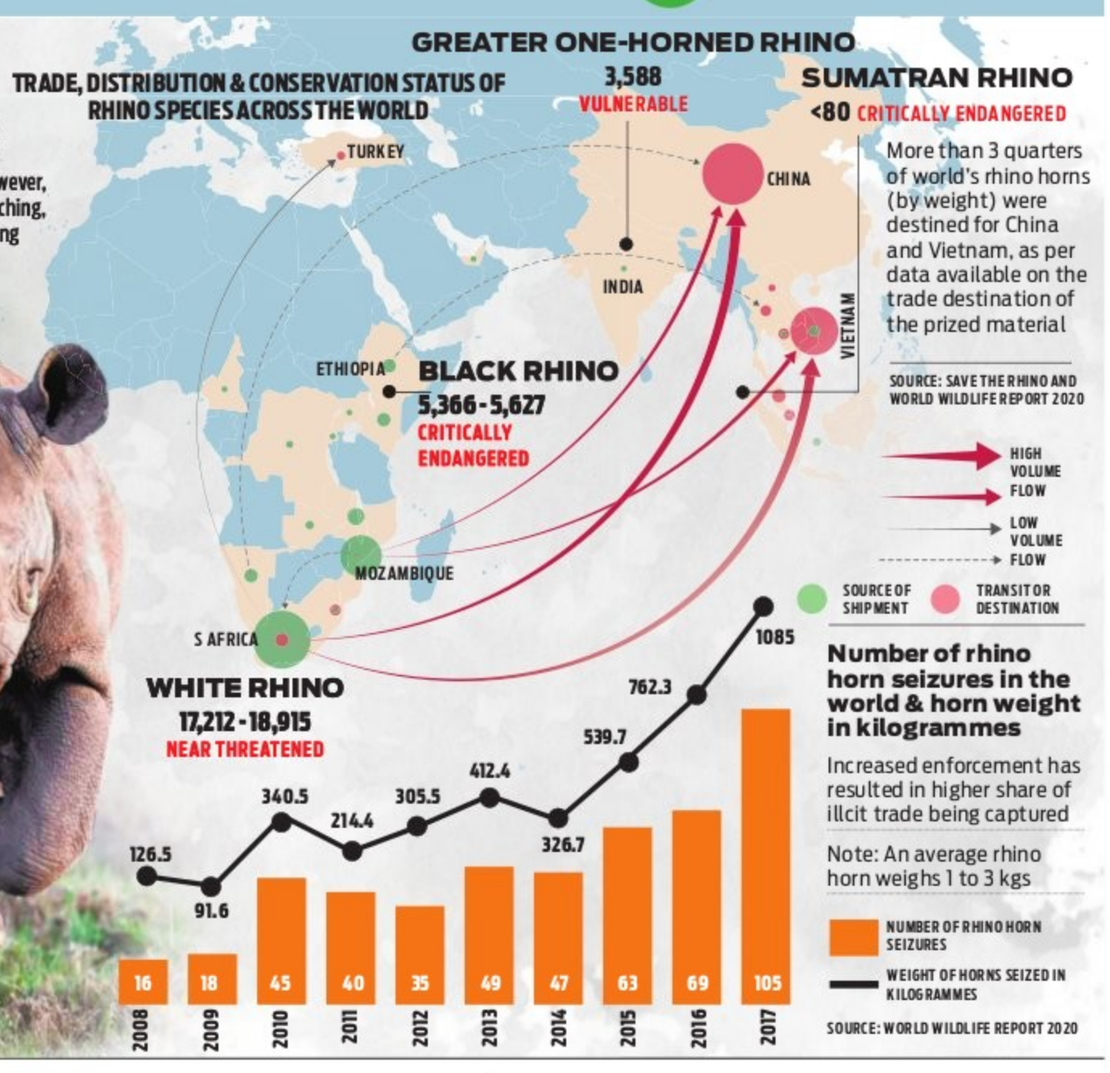
ASSAM THEIR ABODE **90%** of the one-horned rhinos in india are found in Kaziranga National Park, Assam

50% increase in rhinos poached in S Africa to 249 in the first half of 2021 from 166 in the same period in the previous year

$4,808/kg was the reported price paid for rhino horns to poachers in Africa in 2018

LUCRATIVE TRADE

$18,881/kg was the average wholesale price of rhino horn in the market destination of Vietnam in 2017. It was as high as $25,617/kg in 2015



O_2 therapy may slow Alzheimer's

HEALTH

JERUSALEM: Oxygen therapy halted the build-up of plaque on the brain — a key characteristic of Alzheimer's disease, in a mice model.

The novel study, by scientists at Tel Aviv University in Israel, showed that breathing pure oxygen for some time in a pressurised chamber can boost the functioning of the human brain. In animals, the therapy helped fight the build-up of brain plaque, *The Times of Israel* reported.

"I don't think this can 'cure' Alzheimer's in humans, but it may be able to significantly slow its progression and severity," lead author Professor Uri Ashery from the varsity's Sagol School of Neuroscience, said. "Further studies are needed, but people could possibly start benefiting from this in just a few years." The team published their findings in the peer-reviewed journal *Aging*.

Solar breakthrough can lower prices

Metals account for 15% of PV cell price, new tech switches out expensive silver for copper

TECHNOLOGY

A new solar cell produced recently in Australia is the most effective commercial-sized one in the world, an independent lab has confirmed, and uses silver-free technology that can reduce panel cost.

SunDrive, a company founded in 2015, achieved 25.54% efficiency at which its solar cells convert sunlight to power. The figure comes from Germany's Institute for Solar Energy Research (ISFH), an organisation known for doing such analysis. The previous efficiency record, 25.26%, was held by Longi Green Energy Technology Co, a Chinese company that is a global leader in the solar industry.

The new record is significant because copper is the metal being used to draw the electricity in this cell, not silver. A tonne of silver costs $770,000, whereas the same amount of copper can be bought for $9,000, and the metal is much more abundant. Solar-panel makers don't go for copper as it doesn't stick to cells properly and oxidises more easily.

Bloomberg reported recently that SunDrive's co-founder Vince Allen assembled machines in a garage to test his copper theory. After hundreds of trials, he made it possible for thin lines of copper to be fixed securely on solar cells.

The college in which Allen was studying when he came up with the breakthrough is the University of New South Wales, which has produced such notable solar technology research in the past, *Bloomberg* reported.

Shi Zhengrong, former head of Suntech Power Holdings Co and known as the "Sun King" for his influential place in the solar industry, told the news outlet that he expects panel makers to move to a 50-50 split between silver and copper over the next decade. "The shift to copper is something that we've long desired but has been very hard to do," he was quoted as saying.

SunDrive has received funding from the Australian government as well as big-name private investors, such as Blackbird Ventures and Grok Ventures. "Sun King" Shi is also backing the startup, which has raised nearly $10 million in funding.

The solar industry is dominated by a several giants, mainly from China, and other countries are looking to diversify their component supply chains.

INDIA'S SOLAR AMBITION

The Indian solar industry depends heavily on imports of components such as PV cells, which cost our companies $2.5 billion a year. The government aims to ramp up the country's solar energy capacity by 25 gigawatt (GW) annually till 2030, though it has at present only 40.5 GW, underscoring a need to increase domestic manufacturing.

Climate change on Norway ballot box

ENVIRONMENT

STAVANGER: North Sea oil and gas has helped make Norway one of the wealthiest countries in the world. But as Norwegians head to the polls on Monday, fears about climate change have put the future of the industry at the top of the campaign agenda.

Norwegians are wrestling with a paradox at the heart of their society. With their hydro-powered energy grid and electric cars, they are among the world's most enthusiastic consumers of green power, but decades of exporting oil and gas means this nation of 5.3 million enjoys a generous welfare buffer, and sits on the world's largest sovereign wealth fund.

Observers say climate has never been more politically salient in Norway as it is now.

The ruling Conservatives, led by Prime Minister Erna Solberg, and the opposition Labor Party, which is leading in opinion polls, both advocate for a gradual move away from the fossil fuels that continue to underpin the economy. But the larger parties rarely rule alone in Norway; smaller players are usually required to build a majority coalition, and they can have an outsize influence on the government agenda. Some are demanding a more radical severing with the country's dominant industry and income stream.

"Our demand is to stop looking for oil and gas, and stop handing out new permits to companies," says Lars Haltbrekken, a spokesman for the Socialist Left party — a likely coalition partner for Labor. He claims that after eight years in charge the government is protecting a status quo when the country is thirsty for a post-oil future.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Schools reopen in Bangladesh

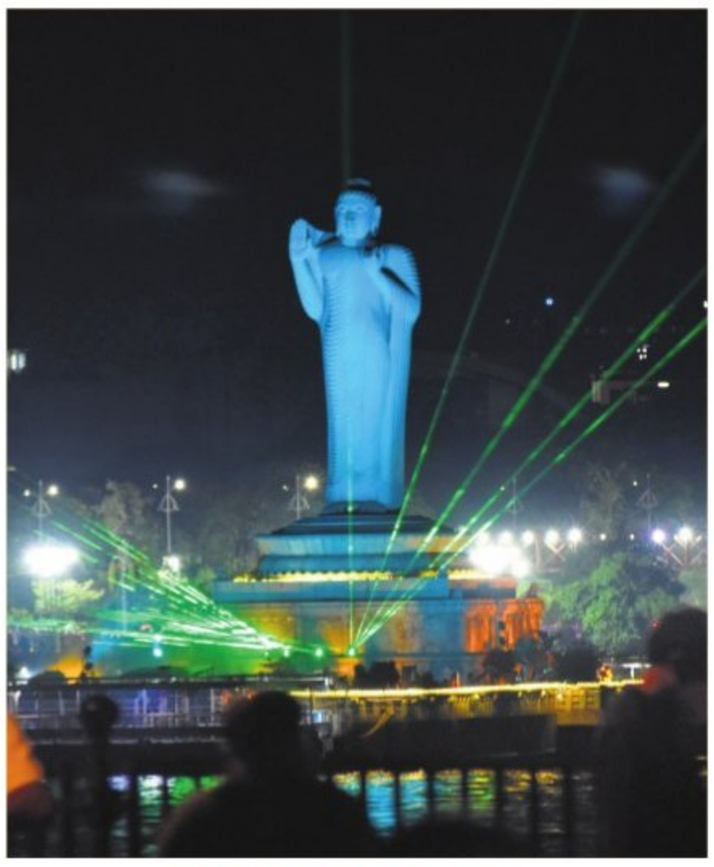
EDUCATION

Children in Bangladesh flooded back into classrooms on Sunday as schools reopened after 18 months, one of the world's longest coronavirus shutdowns. The resumption came after UNICEF warned that prolonged school closures during the Covid-19 crisis were worsening inequities for millions of children across South Asia. In the capital Dhaka, students at one school were welcomed with flowers and sweets, and told to wear masks and sanitise their hands. Some hugged each other in excitement. "We are really excited to be back at school," 15-year-old Muntasir Ahmed told *AFP* as he entered the campus. "I am hoping to physically see all of my friends and teachers, not through a laptop window today," he said.

Early CT scan reduces deaths

HEALTH

Smokers and ex-smokers could be screened to significantly reduce the deaths from lung cancer, a new study published in the journal *Lancet Regional Health Europe* has found. According to the UK Lung Cancer Screening Trial, low-dose CT scans could detect tumours in lungs and reduce deaths by 16%. This early detection could help in curative surgery or radiotherapy, prompting experts to call on the UK govt to bring in routine screening. "Lung cancer early detection and surgical intervention saves lives," Prof John Field of Liverpool University, who is an author of the study, told *The Guardian*. In about 47000 diagnosed with lung cancer in the UK, 35000 die of the disease.



BLUE BUDDHA
A laser show in Hyderabad's Tank Bund on Sunday | S SENBAGAPANDIYAN

Britain could mandate EV chargers for all new homes

TECHNOLOGY

LONDON: The British government will introduce legislation in 2021 that will require all newly built homes and offices to feature electric vehicle chargers in England, the media reported.

Specifically, all new homes and offices will have to feature "smart" charging devices that can automatically charge vehicles during off-peak periods.

New office blocks will need to install a charge point for every five parking spaces, Electrek reported. The new law will make England the first country in the world to require all new homes to have EV chargers, the media outlet said.

The proposal is part of the movement to rapidly boost the number of chargers across England ahead of the UK's 2030 ban of new fossil-fuel vehicles, the report said. The mandate is expected to begin in 2022.

ANIMAL BOTOX

Races & beauty pageants spur demand for camel cloning

BIOTECHNOLOGY

HYERES: Cloning is in high demand in the competitive world of camel beauty pageants, leaving scientists at a Dubai clinic working round the clock to produce carbon-copy beasts.

Not every animal is blessed with sought-after drooping lips and a tall, elegant neck, but technology now allows wealthy clients to replace their most beautiful camel with one just like it.

At the Reproductive Biotechnology Center, with views of the UAE city's towering skyscrapers, scientists pore over microscopes while dozens of cloned camels roam outside. "We have so much demand for cloning camels that we are not able to keep up," the centre's scientific director Nisar Wani said.

Beauty pageants are not the only driver of the camel cloning industry. Many customers want to reproduce racing camels, or animals that produce large amounts of milk.

But "beauty queens" are the most popular order. Gulf clients will pay between 200,000 and 400,000 dirham ($54,500-$109,000) to duplicate a dromedary.

The camels are paraded at dusty racetracks around the region and scrutinised by judges, with occasional discoveries of Botox and cosmetic fillers adding a spice of scandal to the high-stakes contests.

Saud Al-Otaibi, who runs a camel auction in Kuwait, said customers' judgement of the animals' looks is key to his business.

"The price of the camel is determined according to its beauty, health, and how well known the breed is," he told AFP.

When it comes to young animals, "customers are keen on seeing the mother to determine its beauty before buying the camel," he added.

Racing, meat and milk

Known as "ships of the desert", and once used for transport across the sands of the Arab peninsula, camels are symbols of traditional Gulf culture.

Now, after being replaced by gas-guzzling SUVs as the main mode of transport, they are used for racing, meat and milk.

"We have cloned some she-camels that produce more than 35 litres of milk a day," said Wani, compared to an average of five litres in normal camels.

Cloning dogs, cows and horses is popular in many countries, although animal rights groups say the process causes undue suffering to the animals that provide the egg cells and carry embryos. Only the UAE has cloning clinics in the Gulf.

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DAY'S DIARY

Train crash

10 people were killed and over 100 injured when a speeding local train rammed a Katpadi-bound passenger train near Arakkonam in 2011

THE AFTERMATH

The impact derailed the last five compartments of the passenger train and the first three bogies of the Electrical Multiple Unit. The bogies of the local train took the biggest hit

BLAME AND ARREST

On October 13, A Rajkumar, the motorman of the local train was arrested as preliminary investations pointed to the "failure of the railway staff"

INVESTIGATION RESULTS

Further police investigations into the case revealed that the motorman was overspeeding and speaking on the phone just before the collision

Upendra on his directorial project

PG 4

After Effects

Sandalwood star Kichcha Sudeep is back to his fitness routine after recovering from Covid-19. The actor had tested positive in April, as a result of which, the shooting for his reality show was put on hold. However, the star appears to be back on track with his routine in general now. Taking to social media, Sudeep says, "C+ surely affects big time for months, even post recovery. Been trying to get bk to what I have enjoyed doin,, " Workouts". Feels good to get goin wth my routine. Tnx to my docs, trainers, family and frnzz fo the support at a time when I needed it the most. Love and hugs. (sic)"

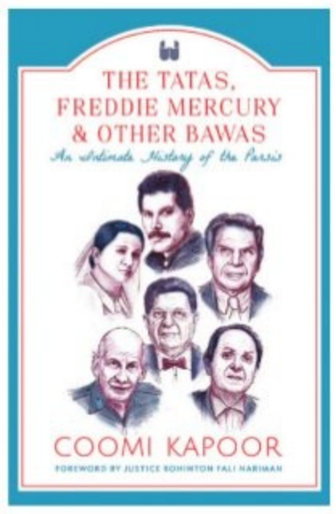
INSIDE STORY

ANILA KURIAN

When Ratan Tata fired Cyrus Mistry in 2016, senior journalist Coomi Kapoor decided it would make a riveting start for a book on the Parsis

Throughout writing the book, I was more worried about the prominent industrialists, who can be touchy and are known to be litigious, rather than the community per se. Fortunately, if anyone has reacted adversely, they haven't got back to me

- Coomi Kapoor, author and senior journalist


THE TATAS, FREDDIE MERCURY & OTHER BAWAS
An Intimate History of the Parsis
COOMI KAPOOR
FOREWORD BY JUSTICE ROHINTON FALI NARIMAN

SERENDIPITY had a large part to play in senior journalist Coomi Kapoor's second book *The Tatas, Freddie Mercury & Other Bawas: An Intimate History of the Parsis*. Just when she felt that she knew little about her community, a publisher approached her with a suggestion to write a book on Parsis. Grabbing the opportunity, Kapoor got to work, the result of which is a book that delves deep into the community that is dwindling in number across the world. In an interview with *CE*, she takes us behind the writing scenes.

Excerpts

What was the trigger to write a book on the Parsis?

A few years ago, I took a trip to the Parsi heritage trail of Udvada, Navsari, Sanjan and Surat and was ashamed to discover how little I knew about my own family roots. I started investigating and it became an intriguing journey of discovery. By a lucky coincidence, a short while later, a publisher asked me if I would like to write a book on the Parsis. I happily accepted, but I mulled over how I would go about the project. I didn't want to write a dry history book or an encyclopedia of names. I wanted to tell a story about a fun community with high achievers who are ethical, eccentric, strong-minded, outspoken and lovers of life. I was also sure I didn't want to write a story just for Parsis but for all Indians. When Ratan Tata fired Cyrus Mistry in 2016, I felt it gave me a peg for a story that many Indians would be interested in. The background and insight into India's largest and most respected business house and the histories of the remarkable families involved in the dispute made a riveting start for a book on the Parsis.

What did the research process entail?

When I began, I didn't have much knowledge on the subject. I started reading every book I could find on the Parsi community. But I am basically a journalist, so I needed original stuff and interviewed at length a whole lot of interesting people. I really must thank my community members; no one refused me an interview. Even in the Tata part of the story, all three main protagonists — Ratan Tata, Cyrus Mistry and Nusli Wadia — opened up.

Did you find a lot of stereotyping surrounding Parsis?

There were so many contradictions about people and issues that I had taken for granted. To cite just two — I did not realise how deeply involved Madame Cama was in the Hindutva cause and how she backed Savarkar all the way. I was brought up believing that when the Zoroastrians from Persia landed in Sanjan and met the Gujarat ruler Jada Rana in the eighth century, they were asked to give an assurance that the Zoroastrians would not convert others to the faith. This is incorrect. The Parsi Zoroastrians decided this on their own.

At any point were you concerned about how the community would perceive the book?

Throughout writing the book, I was more worried about the prominent industrialists, who can be touchy and are known to be litigious, rather than the community per se. Fortunately, if anyone has reacted adversely, they haven't got back to me. Firoza Punthakey Mistree, a scholar on religion and the community and the wife of Khojeste Mistree, one of those who spearheaded the conservative school of thought, wrote a very sweet letter of appreciation.

The number of Parsis has been dwindling over the years, and many feel that the younger generation lives on past glory. Would you agree?

Hard work, ambition, enterprise, talent, a solid education and ethical standards have usually played a role in the success of many Parsis. I don't agree with people who feel the younger generation has lost the spirit of entrepreneurship and are simply patting themselves on the back for past glory.

(The book published by Westland Publications is priced at ₹454, and is available on Amazon)

BAWAS and Bengaluru

Zarine Kharas, a former restaurateur, tells *CE* why more writers should throw light on various aspects of the Parsi community

I FOUND a copy of Coomi Kapoor's *The Tatas, Freddie Mercury & Other Bawas: An Intimate History of the Parsis* at my parents' home in Mumbai and picked it up. It was great to finally read a balanced review of everything to do with the Parsi community, including the battle between Ratan Tata and Cyrus Mistry. The book gives a fresh perspective on these matters.

There's a fair section about the Tatas and the battle that divided the community. There's also a lot about Zubin Mehta and Sam Manekshaw that I enjoyed reading. As someone who is a part of the community, we hear a lot of stories that go around... and most times we know just the tip of the iceberg. What I really liked about the book was how Coomi narrated the episode of happenings. Even when she lauds a particular person, it has a balanced view. It allows the reader to make up his/her mind about how they want to view the story, understand family interactions and so on.

I was closely involved in the renovation of the 84-year-old structure of Kothari Hall on Queen's Road. From being in a debilitated state, it was given a complete makeover three years ago. The board of trustees may be close-minded, but they are very large-hearted. I've lived in Bengaluru for 25 years and ran a restaurant Daddy's Deli/Red Fork in Indiranagar until 2018. I can say with confidence that the number of Parsis in the city is few in number, unlike in Mumbai. Here, if you go to any store and run into a Parsi, there's a good chance that you already know them through family connections or a meeting at the Lady Jehangir Kothari Memorial Hall or the Fire Temple on Queen's Road. I also find that many of them who have grown up here are more orthodox than those in Mumbai or Pune.

There's definitely a huge gap between the older and younger generation of Parsis. The former prefers to stick to traditional ways, while the latter is looking to break free. Perhaps, that will change as time goes by. In Pune, there's a separate prayer hall where non-Parsis can sit. There's no such option in Bengaluru.

Coomi compares the Parsis to the Tam Brahms...who she feels are clannish. I think it's quite true. We need more writers who will throw light on various aspects of our community. It has contributed tremendously to the country's growth and I know the value Parsis hold to the outside world.

Having lived in Australia for a couple of years, I've also formed a small community of Parsi families there. My closest friends are seven women and we call ourselves the 'Sexy Seven'. We meet up for occasions, birthdays or just to hang out.

I'm attached to my roots and it's a good feeling to be with your own. We Parsis across the globe are full of fun, love our food and drinks, and enjoy some good laughter and chatter. We grew up like that and we remain that way.

(As told to Anila Kurian)

CITY READ

Faculty members of Ramaiah University felicitated

Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences felicitated faculty members on the occasion of Teacher's Day. A total of 51 employees, including 39 faculty members and 12 non-teaching staff members, were awarded for their outstanding performance.

REVA University bags 'Clean and Smart Campus Award 2020'

REVA University was awarded the third place in the 'Clean and Smart Campus Awards 2020' recently. The award was conferred by the All India Council for Technical Education after conducting a national-level survey to assess the facilities and measures adopted by educational institutions to conserve nature and protect the environment. Dr P Shyama Raju, chancellor, REVA University said, "The various initiatives that helped us secure this award include the 250 rainwater harvesting pits, sewage treatment plants, a recycling facility, an app facility for students to book meals to reduce food wastage, among others."

Debolina Ray, a Bengaluru-based food & travel blogger who runs a blog called She Knows Grub, dishes out fun food-related trivia in this weekly series. So, answer these three questions and find out how much of a foodie you are

GRUB HUB

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'**

The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Monday.

The first prize winner this week will win a complimentary voucher worth ₹2,000 from Ripped Up Nutrition, a protein snacking brand**

1. This place in Bengaluru is popular for serving the very simple-yet-fresh Khali Dosae. Name this eatery.
2. Next on our staple special is this really thin and airy dosae that is typically eaten with rich curries and something spicy. This type of dosae is prepared with a rice batter without any fermentation. Which dosae are we referring to?
3. Mysore Masala Dosae is hugely popular and is distinct because of an underlying spice. What is that special spice?

INSIDE
ROLE PLAY
P3

Data scientist Dr Joy Thomas was conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award by St Joseph's Old Boys' Association; others to have received this award are Olympians and tech leaders

Josephite gets posthumous award

EXPRESS FEATURES

JOY Aloysius Thomas, an Indian-American Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) expert, and a Josephite was recently honoured with the 2021 St. Joseph's Boys' High School Old Boys' Association's Lifetime Achievement Award. He studied in the school between 1971 and 1979. With this, Thomas joins a stellar group of awardees that includes nine Olympians, four national team captains, including Rahul Dravid, and tech leaders such as Sabeer Bhatia, founder of Hotmail. The award honours distinguished alumni who have gone onto make a significant impact, professionally and personally.

"Joy was perhaps the most brilliant gift from India to the US in engineering sciences in recent decades," said Arogyaswami Paulraj, Professor Emeritus, Stanford University.

Thomas earned several accolades over the years, right from when he topped the school in the ICSE exams in 1977. He then went on and topped the Joint Entrance Exam (JEE) of the Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) as a 16-year-old in 1979, after which he won the IEEE's Charles LeGeyt Fortescue scholarship and the IBM Fellowship in '84 and '85, respectively, to fund his PhD at the Stanford University.

Along the way as a budding graduate student, he spent an extra year at Stanford solely to co-author the seminal book in Information Theory- 'Elements of Information Theory' with his doctoral thesis advisor, Prof Tom Cover. The book is in active use by students world-wide and has achieved broad appeal in disciplines from Physics to Biology, and Genomics to Game Theory.

Thomas' legacy lives on in the Joy Thomas Foundation (JTF). Created by his friends and colleagues, JTF focuses on inspiring STEM excellence, including at St. Joseph's, where Thomas' science journey started. JTF brings together over 1,000 fellow STEM alumni and tech leaders from the IITs, Stanford, Google, and hundreds of other tech companies and institutions.

Joy was perhaps the most brilliant gift from India to the US in engineering sciences in recent decades

Arogyaswami Paulraj, Professor Emeritus, Stanford University

POTTERY WORKSHOP

If you want to learn something different, try your hand at pottery and build a new skill. You can sign up for single trial class or for a session of six classes at Lahe Lahe Santhe, Kodihalli.
When: Sept 15-30
Details: bookmyshow.com

DJ NIGHT

Party with Cologne-based DJ & producer Jonathan Kaspar and progressive house artistes at Hotel Royal Orchid Bangalore.
When: Sept 18
Details: insider.in

POETRY UNLOCKED

Unleash the poet in you at Lahe Lahe and recite a poem on the day's theme. It's a pay-as-you-like model.
When: Sept 14-Oct 26
Details: bookmyshow.com

ROMANCE IN THE AIR

Hosted at Binge Club in HSR Layout, the package includes theatre charges, romantic tent setup for couples and snackbox among others.
When: Sept 13-30 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Catch comedian **Karthi Durai** share some Tamil jokes at Vapour Pub and Brewery, Indiranagar. **When:** Sept 18 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Business Literature Festival

At Bangalore Business Literature Festival, authors and business leaders will be discussing the future of careers and work, lesser known success secrets of start-ups and marketing challenges, among others.
When: Sept 21-23 **Details:** allevents.in

Humour Writing

Sushant Singh Rawat teaches a course on humour writing where you can get exclusive comedy workshops, detailed feedback and access to comedy experts.
When: Sept 14 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Discover Life

Through 19 sessions, the Living Philosophy course will shed light on different practical, universal and timeless concepts of life from wisdom of cultures and civilisations of the ancient world. This will take place at New Acropolis Indiranagar.
When: Sept 13
Details: insider.in

Mirror Mandala Workshop

Get hands-on experience with Macrame art, learn end-to-end product making and participate in discussion on thread measurement methodology.
When: Sept 18-19 **Details:** allevents.in

Overnight Facial

The Body Shop's new Himalayan Charcoal Skin Clarifying Night Peel is an overnight formula that claims to exfoliate and clarify your skin. The formula is for combination to oily skin and made with 98 per cent natural-origin ingredients, including charcoal, kaolin clay and tea tree oil.
Available at: bodyshop.in

Strings Attached

A Kaleidoscopic musical experience Strings Attached will be performed by R Kumaresh on violin and Dr Jayanthi Kumaresh on the veena at Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Malleswaram.
When: Sept 25 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com

ALMOND AND SAFFRON KULFI

INGREDIENTS

- **Full fat milk:** 250 ml ■ **Condensed milk:** 150 ml
- **Cream:** 2 tbsp ■ **Saffron:** 1/2 tsp ■ **Almonds:** 1/3 cup

METHOD

- Soak almonds in water for 2 to 3 hours, and peel the skin. Grind them, make sure not to make a very fine paste.
- Mix all the ingredients together. Into a hot pan, pour kulfi mixture and boil for 12 to 15 minutes on medium heat.
- Let it cool for some time. Keep it in the fridge for 6 to 7 hours. Once it sets completely, garnish with almonds flakes.

— Tejal Sarviva, Bengaluru

SOUND BOARD

WHAT'S A MAN? MASCULINITY IN INDIA

Deepa Narayan, an award-winning writer and researcher, discusses what it means to be a man in this one-of-a-kind podcast. She has conducted over 200 in-depth interviews with middle and upper-class men from Delhi, Mumbai, and other places.
- On Spotify

SHE SAYS SHE'S FINE

This podcast, hosted by gynaecologist Dr Munjaal V Kapadia, discusses women's health, social stigmas and challenges. He encourages guests to share personal anecdotes regarding sex, periods, contraception, miscarriages, and more.
- On Apple podcast

HUMAN RESOURCES

Moya Lothian-Mclean, a journalist and a descendant of both African enslaved people and white slave owners, presents and leads us on a tour that begins at Lady Hawkin's School in Herefordshire, which is named after the wife of Britain's first slave trader.
- On Spotify

A BIT OF A STRETCH

Chris Atkins, a three-time Bafta nominee, spent nine months in HMP Wandsworth for tax fraud. His memoir covers the true degree of the boredom, casual brutality, overcrowding, and underfunding of prison and the spin-off podcast adds the perspectives of other former inmates.
- On Apple podcast

THE MUSAFIR STORIES

The Musafir Stories is an audio podcast about various Indian travel destinations. Escape to another location when you're jogging, commuting to work or even cooking.
- On Google podcast

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

GANDANA MANE

Raja, who belongs to a poor family, works as a bus conductor and takes care of his family. Gauri, who hails from a rich family, falls in love with him.
- Cast: Shiva Rajkumar, Gowri Munjal, Hema Chaudhary

MADARANGI

Deepu, the daughter of a rich businessman, falls in love with her driver Manu. Problems arise when Manu suffers a brain injury and is blamed for the death of an MLA's brother.
- Cast: Darling Krishna, Sushma Raj, Sadhu Kokila

DODDMANE HUDGA

Surya, a boy belonging to a big family of the town, moves out of the house when ignored by his father Rajivappa. However, after a few years, he comes back to rescue his land from a local criminal.
- Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Radhika Pandit, Ambareesh

AMAR

Amar, a young man, falls in love with Bobby, a beautiful woman, after the two participate in a nature-based initiative. However, Bobby's father fixes her marriage with Varun, a businessman.
- Cast: Tanya Hope, Abhishek Ambareesh, Sandesh Nagaraj

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 HOW DO GOVERNMENT CREATE MONEY OUT OF THIN AIR? BY JONATHAN SMITH

Since the beginning of COVID-19 pandemic, governments have responded with some of the largest economic relief packages in history. Where did all this money come from? Jonathan Smith explores the strategy of quantitative easing.

2 THE MOST NOTORIOUS SCIENTIFIC FEUD IN HISTORY BY LUKAS RIEPPEL

After the California Gold Rush of 1848, settlers streamed west to strike it rich. In addition to precious metals, they unearthed another treasure: dinosaur bones. Two wealthy scientists — Othniel Charles Marsh and Edward Drinker Cope— competed to uncover these prehistoric monsters. Lukas Rieppel digs into one of the most notorious scientific feuds.

3 THE PARADOX AT THE HEART OF MATHEMATICS: GODEL'S INCOMPLETENESS THEOREM BY MARCUS SAUTOY

Consider the following sentence: 'This statement is false.' Is that true? If so, that would make the statement false. But if it's false, then the statement is true. This sentence creates an unsolvable paradox. This led a logician to a discovery that would change mathematics forever.

4 COULD WE BUILD A WOODEN SKYSCRAPER? BY STEFAN AL

Towering 85 meters above the Norwegian countryside, Mjøstårnet is the world's tallest wooden building, made almost entirely from the trees of neighbouring forests. But engineers thought it was impossible to build a wooden building over 6 stories tall. So how do wooden structures like this compare to steel and concrete skyscrapers? Stefan Al investigates.

5 HISTORIES DEADLIEST KING BY GEORGES NZONGOLA- NTALAJA

In 1904, Chief Lontulu laid 110 twigs in front of a foreign commission. Every twig represented a person in his village who died because of King Leopold's brutal regime in the Congo. His testimony joined hundreds of others to help bring an end to one of the greatest atrocities in human history. Georges Nzongola-Ntalaja details the horrific abuses.

FIT BIT

GHERANDASANA I

(POSE DEDICATED TO SAGE GHERANDA I)

This asana, dedicated to Sage Gheranda I, is a magnificent twist pose done resting on the pelvic girdle which is like an advanced variation of Dhanurasana (Bow Pose). It is practiced for opening the shoulders at an advanced level. This pose also teaches students to remain in balance both physically and mentally. It increases the energy levels in the body which comes from endurance. This prone pose with a twist of the shoulders and hips needs a careful understanding of the body in coordination with the breath in order to make the journey both into and out of the pose, smooth and safe. It is commonly found in the Iyengar yoga sequences besides core yoga.

STEPS

- Begin in Bhujangasana (Cobra Pose). Then bend your right knee and bring your heel towards your right hip.
- Come into Ardha Bhekasana (Half Frog Pose). Inhale and lift your left leg up.
- At this stage, you can bend your left knee and reach back with your left arm.
- Now, hold your left ankle and pull your left thigh off the floor.
- At the same time, lift your head and chest off the floor.
- Now, bring your focus to the point in between your eyebrows. Make sure your navel is touching the floor.
- You can hold this pose for three long breaths.
- To come out of this pose, release your legs and lie on your belly with your arms extended forward.
- Repeat the pose on the other side for the same amount of time.

BENEFITS

- Helps improve concentration.
- Regular practice stretches and strengthens the spine.
- Stretches chest, abdomen, hips, groins, thighs and ankles.
- Regular practice can stimulate the abdominal organs.
- More beneficial for improving the flexibility of your body.
- Mostly recommended for people having diabetes.
- This asana helps to combat stomach problems like constipation and gas.

LIMITATIONS

- People who are suffering from severe injuries should not practise this asana.
- Those who have high or low blood pressure, and pregnant women must avoid practising this pose.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

GOWDRU HOTEL (Kannada)

While helping out his restaurateur grandfather, Rishi stumbles upon a significant realisation that might bring him closer to his dream career in culinary arts. However, this may not be good news for his disapproving businessman father.
- Cast: Rachan Chandra, Vedhika, Archana Singh, Raj Deepak Shetty
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

ROBERRT (Kannada)

Raghava lives in Lucknow with his son Arjun and is the head cook in a Brahmin's catering unit. He leads a peaceful existence, wanting the best for his son. All seems to go well, until some skeletons come tumbling out of his closet and he is forced to take on his original avatar.
- Cast: Darshan Thoogudeep, Asha Bhat, Jagapathi Babu
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

AANUM PENNUM (Malayalam)

An anthology of stories set in different timelines in history that explores female strength as the protagonists tackle the crises brought on by their male counterparts.
Cast: Samyuktha Menon, Darshana Rajendran, Parvathy Thiruvothu
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

JOJI (Malayalam)

Joji, an engineering dropout, dreams of becoming rich without his family's help. However, things take a turn after an unexpected event in the family.
Cast: Fahadh Faasil, Dileesh Pothan, Unnimaya Prasad
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

ANJAAM PATHIRAA (Malayalam)

Anwar is a consulting criminologist who helps the Kerala Police now and then. When a string of serial killings happen in quick succession, he must race against time to find the one responsible.
Cast: Kunchacko Boban, Sharaf U Dheen, Unnimaya Prasad
- Watch on: MX Player

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

MALIK (Malayalam)

A young man rises to prominence through his unswerving fight against political and police corruption in his village.
Cast: Fahadh Faasil, Nimisha Sajayan, Sanal Aman
- Watch On: Amazon Prime Video

DRISHYAM 2 (Malayalam)

Georgekutty, a cinema hall owner, thrives in life but is a changed man. However, when his family gets entangled in a criminal investigation, he must protect them from the legal institution yet again.
Cast: Mohan Lal, Meena, Anjali Nair
- Watch On: Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

ATTACK ON TITAN (Japanese)

When man-eating Titans appeared 100 years ago, humans found safety behind massive walls that stopped the giants in their tracks. But the safety they have had for so long is threatened when a Titan smashes through barriers.
Cast: Yūki Kaji, Marina Inoue, Josh Grelle
- Watch on: Netflix

AMERICAN HORROR STORIES (English)

American Horror Stories is a spin-off of Ryan Murphy and Brad Falchuk's award-winning anthology series 'American Horror Story'. The weekly anthology series features a different horror story in each episode.
Cast: Matt Bomer, Sierra McCormick, Rhenzy Feliz
- Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

JOJO RABBIT (English)

Hitler Youth cadet Jojo Betzler firmly believes in the ideals of Nazism manifested by his imaginary friend, Adolf Hitler. However, his foundations are shaken when he finds a Jewish girl in his house.
Cast: Roman Griffin Davis, Taika Waititi, Scarlett Johansson
- Watch on: Netflix

INDUSTRY (English)

A group of young graduates compete for permanent positions at a top investment bank in London, but the boundaries between colleague, friend, lover, and enemy soon blur as they immerse themselves in their new world.
Cast: Myha'la Herrold, Marisa Abela, Harry Lawtey
- Watch on: Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

SUBSCRIPTION

Disney+Hotstar: ₹ 399 per month
Netflix: ₹ 199 per month
Prime Video: ₹ 129 per month
Zee5: ₹ 499 per year

(L-R) Sarayu Hegde, Deepa Reddy and Anisha Narang

RUBINATIONS
Rubi Chakravarti
Writer, actor and funny girl

A BEAUTIFUL MIND

AFTER gentle persuasion, I capitulated to an invite from Aslam Gafoor, GM of Dineout, and Vinesh Gupta, GM of the popular boutique hotel, The Den in Whitefield. Both of them were extremely respectful of the fact that though I am stepping out, my forays into large gatherings are all but nil. I had already politely declined, but was tempted by the fact that most of the genteel and 'true-blue' Bangaloreans would be there. In truth I hadn't met them for ages and catching up with a bunch that sang, played jazz and were adept at lifting one's drooping spirits was tempting. The guest list was minimal and the hoi-polloi was firmly kept at bay. I sang along and ultimately pulled up a bemused Israeli Consul Jonathan Zadka for a lively rendition of the joyous Hebrew folk song *Hava Nagila*. I could see he was pleasantly surprised that not only did we know the song but we could do the accompanying ditty as well! We auld Bangaloreans are well-versed, well-travelled and well-aware of a myriad of things...never underestimate us.

I was in one of my 'I'm in a worm-hole with no ray of light' type of moods and only on the advice of my friend did I venture out. Sometimes I am almost immobilised with a sense of detachment that suddenly sweeps over me and I suddenly switch off like a light bulb! Almost always I feel tired, detached and listless... I zone out and this has been happening on a regular basis. I try to pass it off as a post-Covid affliction of exhaustion. I can explain the physical fatigue but I know that there is a deeper mental anguish, pain, or sheer indifference I cannot brush off. I was reading about the struggle with depression. One can have what other people perceive as everything in the world...yet sometimes the mind plays tricks and you feel empty. Happiness is a choice. My intelligent brain tells me that and I firmly believe that making a powerful affirmation every day is a must. Mine is: 'Today is a day I have woken up to. I choose happiness over all other feelings'.

(L-R) Aslam Gafoor, Jonathan Zadka and Vinesh Gupta

My dear friends from Mumbai were visiting. Everyone says one must get used to the new way to do things, the new normal (pure drivel someone with a low IQ thought that up). But in my mind's eye...nothing makes me feel more connected than a bear hug, the undiluted joy of sitting close to each other laughing and exchanging secrets or the love one puts into serving and cooking a home-cooked meal...it was six degrees of separation (really ironical), and masks that don't allow us to be comprehensible, breathe properly and are mandatory (except for photos, just to pretend it's all okay).

Even though my mind and body tell me to curl up and never step out of my bedroom, my affirmations kick me in my derriere. I sense the affection, the respect and love that I am fortunate to be showered with, and I promise myself I will add another empowering affirmation to my already long list. I feel ungrateful and wormlike to have this in my life and still be so switched off. 'All problems are illusions of the mind,' how true is that phrase...how true and how beautiful, because 'the choice of happiness' is so definitely outlined!

I told you guys I have a truckload of affirmations. Picking out a suitable one, I landed up at a very exclusive exhibition curated by my friend Sarayu Hegde. Brands like Tory Burch, Bottega Veneta and Tiffany's adorned the shoulders and wrists of many women who were buying the merchandise like it was going out of style... that sight surely perked up my addled mind. "The mind is its own place, and in itself, can make a heaven of Hell, a hell of Heaven."

ROLE PLAY

This new production, inspired by real-life events, delves into the life of a tetraplegic

SANATH PRASAD

IT was five years ago when writer Meher Pestonji met a friend – a mother of four children, two of whom are autistic – in Mumbai, which became the foundation for her new play, *Turning Point*.

Pestonji, a social activist who has participated in several movements and has voiced her support for the less privileged, has now come up with a story dealing with tetraplegia (a paralysis of the upper and lower body). According to Pestonji, there is always something more than meets the eye with parents of autistic children. "When I met my friend, she told me that she and her husband had enrolled their autistic children to a senior citizens' residence because they were concerned about what would happen to them after the couple's death. This is a common concern of every parent with a special child. I connected with this incident because my grandson also has cerebral palsy," says Pestonji, who later improvised the story to make the couple the centrepiece of the play.

The Red Curtain, a Kolkata-based theatre group, that is facilitating the play, features Bengaluru-based theatre persons Aswin Varrier and Tanvee Ravi, in the lead roles. Varrier essays the role of Darius, a tetraplegic, while Ravi plays the role of Rhoda, wife of Darius. According to the makers of the play, *Turning Point* is a story based on how Darius, an adventurous and sports-driven character, meets with an accident, leading to the breakdown of his spinal cord. The story later delves into how Darius, now diagnosed with tetraplegia, is received by family and society, and goes on to underscore the need to eliminate the taboo surrounding people with disabilities. The online play was staged to mark the 'Spinal Cord Injury Day' on Sept 5.

According to Ravi, Darius is the mind of the play and Rhoda is the heart of it. "Rodha is jovial and brings love to everyone in the family; and that contributes to changing the mindset of other characters towards Darius. I was very moved when a tetraplegic person reacted to our online play after watching it. This kicked up real emotions within me after realising the level of impact it had on the audience," she says.

Meanwhile for Varrier, it was the first time he was playing the role of a differently-abled person. According to Varrier, the artistes rehearsed the play remotely without too much hassle. However, what did pose a challenge was essaying the role of a tetraplegic. "As artistes, we engage our hands and legs extensively in all our performances. But playing a tetraplegic forced me to restrict my movements, which was quite difficult. Being in the shoes of a tetraplegic and being in a wheelchair for just two hours was a choice given to me. Imagine the pain in reality," wonders Varrier.

For details on the next online show, visit The Red Curtain website.

Tanvee Ravi

> *As artistes, we engage our hands and legs extensively in all our performances. But playing a tetraplegic forced me to restrict my movements*
> - **Aswin Varrier, theatre artiste**

ARE YOU GAME?
Anusha Ganapathi
@quofles

(This economics graduate spends her leisure time preparing for the zombie apocalypse)

12 Minutes: Tedious or exciting?

EERILY similar to how the weeks pass these days, Twelve Minutes is your run-of-the mill *Groundhog Day* story. Only here, the repetition in the game features a story that is a bit more traumatic than daily life. In this game, a man returns home in the evening, and finds his wife waiting to share a romantic dinner with him. But, after 12 minutes, or every time he exits the front door, he finds the last couple of minutes have reset. The same scene restarts. Man is confused. For a game that seals itself to just 12 minutes of recurring events, it packs a surprising amount of story.

The player is a fly on the ceiling. We see everything in the room, but hardly see the faces of the characters involved. While that makes the experience a little impersonal, the game compensates for it with the intrigue and frustration of the time loop. Gameplay works via dragging and dropping, and interactions with objects and people. It's on us to make each time loop a little different from the last, and use the new information to uncover a bit more of the plot. The overall story involves man and his wife having a serious conversation, that disintegrates to a cop entering the house, and potential hurt to the previously happy family.

The game uses a combination of dialogue options, and environment choices to generate a fresh ending towards each loop. The game features James McAvoy, Daisy Ridley, and Willem Dafoe. Elaborate plot twists are therefore expected. There are multiple final endings to the game, each dependent on the our choices through the game.

The different, customised looping sequences are appreciable, but the excitement of it being a time-loop based story exhausts within a few minutes. The gameplay is tedious, and its drag and drops feel like too much effort for a small pay-off. As the action options require precision as the loops progress, I realised that I would rather just watch someone else play the game to completion than try out the infinite combinations of actions myself.

The game is available to play on the PC and Xbox, and free on the game pass. I rate the game 10 minutes out of the liberal twelve that it offers. It's a good Sunday mystery for those who are inclined to explore the game and the potential mysteries that can be uncovered.

Want to keep your lips plump, soft and hydrated? Here's a basic routine you should follow

LIP SERVICE

WHILE planning our skin care routine we tend to forget our lips. But if you want a gorgeous face, you can't forget those sexy lips. Hydrated lips will boost your natural beauty and help you defy age. How do you keep your lips soft, plump and hydrated? Here's how:

HYDRATE

Lips don't have any oil glands so it's important to keep them well moisturised. Staying hydrated is primary, so use a lip salve or lip balm to keep them plump and healthy. While choosing a lip balm, look for hydrating ingredients like Shea butter, Vitamin E, jojoba and coconut oils, rose or lavender oil, and beeswax. Mini Sood Banerjee, assistant director & head of marketing, Innisfree India suggests, "We should use products according to the weather. Summer months need products that let your skin breathe naturally. Products that block pores can cause problems." If you prefer some DIY stuff, Banerjee further says, "Glycerine moisturises the delicate skin of the lips, keeping it supple and smooth. It removes dead cells and lightens the lip colour, when mixed with lemon juice. Glycerine also prevents the skin from peeling and cracking."

EXFOLIATE

Just like the rest of your body, lips too need mild exfoliation to remove the top layer of dry, dead, chapped skin in a gentle way. But don't exfoliate too often because this can actually over-dry your lips. "To lighten the colour of your lips, you can gently scrub them with an exfoliator. You can even make your own, by mixing a little honey and sugar to remove the dead skin. Another way to do it is mixing a teaspoon of lemon juice with two teaspoons of coriander paste, apply it overnight and you will notice a difference," says Banerjee.

PAIRED WITH PANACHE
Anuja Pandey

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LIPSTICKS

Always apply lipsticks over balm, so they don't have a drying effect on the lips. Matte lipsticks might be in trend, but they tend to over dry lips... so use them on well-moisturised lips. If good quality cosmetics are not used, it could lead to discolouration. Using a moisturising lip tint instead of lipstick also works well.

Dr Yash, principal surgeon and founder at ACSC Mumbai, says, "Discolouration of the lips can be due to allergies, sun exposure, iron deficiency, smoking, cyanosis and hemocromatosis. You must not use expired cosmetics. Avoid sucking on them as it causes dryness; also cut down or stop smoking. Use some exfoliating scrubs but remember to use them in proportion. Aloe vera can also be used to hydrate the lips."

SPF FOR LIPS TO PREVENT WRINKLES

The skin on the lips is very thin, so they tend to get wrinkles faster. To prevent loss of collagen, it's important to have a specific regime for lips. "Use a lip balm with a minimum SPF of 30. You can use over-the-counter products that contain tranexamic acid, kojic acid, glycolic acid, and retinol," says Dr Yash, adding that if you don't see any improvement after 1-2 months of trying these methods, you should consult a doctor to rule out any other medical conditions.

CITY READ

Students to participate in para-climbing

Three visually impaired students Murali, Sunitha and Sujatha from Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled are set to participate in the Para Climbing World Championship in Moscow, Russia, from Sep 14- 17.
Dr G K Mahantesh, founder and managing trustee, Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, says, "Sport is a major vertical. These skills help them in various aspects of life, including employment."

Fitness session for Covid survivors held

Bengaluru-based health-tech and wellness brand RESET and S-Vyasa Yoga University organised 'Re-set Yourself', recently, an initiative aimed at a holistic approach towards a healthy lifestyle and building immunity post-Covid-19 recovery. The session also emphasised issues around to post-Covid symptoms and ways to deal with them through yoga and other fitness practises.

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Kranti poster

DARSHAN'S NEXT MULTILINGUAL TITLED, KRANTI

The Challenging Star will be joining hands with V Harikrishna and producers Shylaja Nag and B Suresha for a pan-India project

CE FEATURES

Challenging Star Darshan's 55th film is titled *Kranti*. The title was announced by the makers on September 10 to mark the festive occasion of Ganesha Chaturthi.

The V Harikrishna directorial, billed to be a mass entertainer, will have a pan-Indian appeal. The project, made in Kannada, will be dubbed and released in Tamil, Telugu, Hindi and Malayalam.

"*Kranti* begins', wrote Darshan, as he shared the multilingual posters of the film. The same were shared by the director, and the production house. This big-ticket film reunites the actor-director-producer trio of *Yajamana*. *Kranti* will be backed by Shylaja Nag and B Suresha under the Media House Studio banner.

Shylaja Nag, who is happy to associate with the *Yajamana* actor and director once again, says, "Our association has only got bigger with *Kranti*, which will be shot in Kannada, and dubbed and released in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Hindi. This will be the first pan-India project from our production house. "

In the concept poster, the team brings in the colour of fire elements, a SUV in an urban backdrop, along with a line 'Learn to fight alone'. The face of Darshan is designed with alphabets from five languages. "This is a universal subject, and we can't wait for the audience to see it when the film hits the silver screen," says Shylaja Nag.

The team is raring to begin shooting in October and the team is currently finalising the cast and the technical crew. *Kranti* will have director V Harikrishna also taking charge of the music composition. "An official announcement of other actors will be made as and when they hop on board, " signs off Shylaja.

'I'LL ANNOUNCE DIRECTORIAL DEPENDING ON COVID SITUATION'

...says Upendra, who is currently taking time off from his schedule to pen a script. Meanwhile, the Real Star will be resuming shoot for *Kabzaa* on September 21

Upendra

A SHARADHAA

UPENDRA, who has kept himself busy with film shooting and political work, will soon return to donning the director's hat. The actor, who was shooting for *Lagaam*, has taken small breaks to write the script for his upcoming directorial venture. However, the uncertainty due to the pandemic has delayed the project.

"I decided to direct a project last year, and even tried again this year as well. However, the current situation does not permit me to go ahead with it. I am waiting for the film industry to get back on its feet, and then I will announce my directorial venture. Hopefully, I might get clarity in November about when I can do my directorial project," says Upendra, who is currently concerned about several other films, which are ready for release.

The actor, who will be celebrating his birthday on September 18, wants to keep it a low-key affair. "I am planning to head out of the city, and will be spending time with family," he says.

Upendra is currently juggling between the sets of *Lagaam* and *Kabzaa*. "Director R Chandru will be resuming shoot for *Kabzaa* from September 20, and I will be joining the sets from next day," the actor told us and added that the project will keep him busy for the next couple of months.

Upendra has many projects which are in different stages of production. "I would like to discuss my other films once they are ready to go on floors," he signs off.

Shubha Punja

SHUBHA PUNJA LAMBANI LOOK IN *AMBUJA* OUT

CE FEATURES

BIGG Boss Kannada season 8 contestant and actor Shubha Punja, who is waiting for the release of *Tridevi* and *Rhymes*, will now begin shooting for *Ambuja*. It is a heroine-centric horror thriller directed by Srini Hanumantharaju. Kashinath Madiwalar, who has produced the film, has also penned the story which is based on a true incident.

The project will go on floors in October and has Shubha in two shades - a crime reporter and in the role of a Lambani. The makers shared one of her looks from the film.

The Lambani dress worn by Shubha was designed by the Lambani group in Gadag. It took four months for the designers to stitch this outfit. The team, who is done with pre-production work, will shoot the film in Bengaluru, Gadag, and Chickmagaluru.

Ambuja will have Prasanna Kumar making his debut as music director, and Muralidhar will handle the camera.

Shivaji Surathkal poster

SHIVAJI SURATHKAL IS BACK WITH THE MYSTERIOUS CASE OF MAYAVI

The sequel was launched on the actor's birthday along with the first look of the film

CE FEATURES

On the double festive occasion of Ganesha and Ramesh Aravind's birthday, the makers of the actor's next, *Shivaji Surathkal 2*, launched the project and it's first look.

Titled *Shivaji Surathkal - Mysterious case of Mayavi*, the film will be helmed by Akash Srivatsa, who also directed the first part, *Shivaji Surathkal - Ranagiri Rahasya*.

The first look poster of the sequel has a gun-toting Ramesh Aravind in black pants and white shirt, with a tie loosened, and giving us a look that is a solid mix of intensity and anxiety. "Who is Mayavi, and what's the mystery surrounding this person will be investigated by Shivaji Surathkal," the director tells us and adds that during the release of Shivaji Surathkal in 2020, the team had an interactive session with some audience members, and a few of their queries about the story and more will be answered in the sequel.

Akash, who is planning to begin shooting in October, says Ramesh Aravind appears in two to three avatars in the film. Unlike the first part, where the whole story was set in one location, the sequel will have Shivaji travelling a lot across Karnataka. "There will be a lot of shifts in the geography," says Akash, who is also exploring more of the personal side of Shivaji Surathkal in the sequel. "We will give a little more insight about his family background."

Apart from Ramesh Aravind, Radhika Narayanan, Raaghu Raamanakoppa, and Vidya Murthy, an ensemble cast will join the film and the team is finalising the artistes. The film produced by Rekha KN and Anup Gowda under the banner, Anjanadri Cine Combines, and the project will have cinematography by Guruprasad MG.

A MODEST RETELLING OF AN EPIC

LANKE

Cast: Yogi, Krishi Thapanda, Kavya Shetty, and Sharath Lohitashwa

Director: Ram Prasad

A SHARADHAA

Director Ram Prasad's Lanke takes the core message of Ramayana and mounts it in our contemporary world. Although the film definitely has a well-crafted idea and decent performances, *Lanke* ends up as a pale product with several loose ends.

The story is about Ram (Yogi) who has spent several years in prison. Upon release, he meets a small-time conman (Prashanth Siddiqui) who helps Ram find a shelter and job. Ram, who soon becomes a popular personality in the area, also falls in love with Paavani (Krishi Thapanda), of course, at first sight. Incidentally, Paavani works for a charitable trust and wants to help the area's children with their education. However, she gets caught in a prostitution ring headed by Mandara (Kavya Shetty). How Ram goes about freeing Paavani and other girls from the clutches of Mandara, and in turn cleans the society is one part of the story. Meanwhile, Ram also has a bitter past that catches up with him, and he wages a war against all evils in his life. Ram Prasad has also brought in more than a couple of characters that are inspired from Ramayana. However, the twist in *Lanke* is that it is a woman who embodies the evil traits. While the overall idea of presenting the good versus evil is well-thought the execution leaves a lot to be desired. Looking at how certain scenes leave a bad aftertaste, it is unfortunate that even the edit desk just adds to Ram Prasad's woes.

RATING 2.5/5

As for Yogi, he gets to explore his allround skills — acting, dance, and fights — in *Lanke*. The women of this film too play outside their comfort zones. Just like Krishi justifies her character, it is a challenging role for Kavya, who has worked well on it. Sharath Lohitashwa surprises with his unusual character. Also full points to the casting choices, especially Eshther Norrona and the late Sanchari Vijay, who plays a cameo in the flashback. *Lanke* works on the core message of Dharma, and if we can look past its flaws, it is a watchable film.